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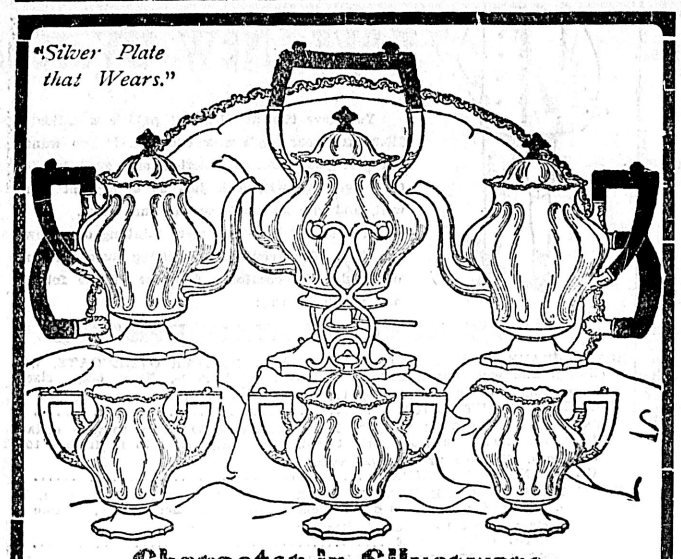

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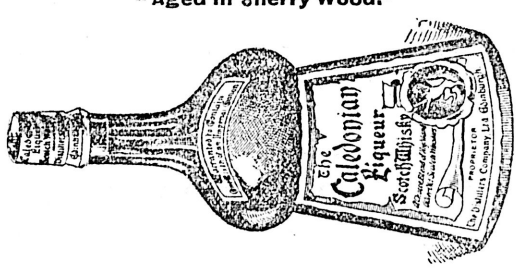

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Japanese Admiral Reported to Be Anxious For Hostilities in Yellow Sea.

Further Details of the Japanese Coup For Possession of Masampho.

The Future of Korea a Matter of Life or Death to Japan.

The steamer Tacoma, which arrived yesterday, brought further advices of the crisis which now threatens to disturb the peace of the Orient. The Japanese, when the steamer sailed, were seemingly itching for war, and the officers of the Tacoma were informed when at Yokohama that the admiral in command of the Japanese squadron maneuvring off Korea, who was known in Japan as "The Fighting Admiral," was much irritated because of the restricted orders he received from his government, and it was reported at Yokohama that he had telegraphed to the government urging action.

Further particulars were received of the coup made by the Japanese squadron to prevent the Russian occupation of Masampho. The Japanese standing squadron, which left Sasebo on the 26th of September, on learning of the departure of the Russians from Vladivostock for the Korean port, was made up of 21 ships of war. The squadron consisted of the battleships Asahi, Yashima, Fuji, Hatuse, Mikasa, the cruisers Chitose, Yoshino, Kasagi, Takasago and Suma, and eleven torpedo boats and torpedo destroyers, numbering twenty-one warships in all.

The squadron steamed at full speed for the Korean port on the southern coast of the peninsula, and on arrival there a scheme of naval manoeuvres and target practice was commenced. The Russian squadron from Vladivostock was engaged in naval manoeuvres when bound down the Korean coast, and on arrival off Masampho they found the Japanese squadron already at anchor there, much to their surprise. The Russian squadron was fully as powerful as that of the Japanese which lay stretched across the available anchorage at the Korean port, there being in the Russian squadron five battleships, two armored cruisers, three fast cruisers and other minor craft. The Russian squadron arrived at night, shortly after the arrival of the Japanese and proceeded into the Yellow Sea and on to Port Arthur.

The standing squadron were to remain in the vicinity of the Korean port for some days, and the vessels of the reserve squadron had been despatched to sea. The armored cruisers Adzuma, Idzuma and two others had been detached and despatched for patrol duty under the supervision of the Maidzuru naval headquarters, and the torpedo boats of that squadron had been manned and organized into a fleet ready to join the reserve squadron.

The war feeling is growing keener in Japan every day, the populace being, if one might judge from the tenor of their talk, eager for war. The officials are still engaged in diplomatic negotiations to the end of averting the outbreak, but so eager are the people for war, according to officers of the Tacoma, that some overt act may any day plunge the two powers into war. One of the higher officials of Japan is quoted in an interview as saying: "The future of Korea is a matter of life and death to Japan. Our Monroe doctrine—our determination to resist any territorial aggression involving the ultimate destruction of our country—will be upheld at any cost.

"While it is true that we should feel easier were Russia to fulfill its pledges by evacuating Manchuria, yet we can live and grow though the province should remain indefinitely in the Czar's hands. There is no probability of war, so far as Manchuria is concerned.

"Korea, however, must either remain independent or become Japanese. It was for that principle that we fought China, and that we will go to war with Russia, should the necessity arise.

"War will come, however, only when Russia casts aside diplomacy and throws considerable bodies of troops across the Yalu river. The power of declaring war or making peace rests with the Emperor alone. His coolness and enlightenment are sufficient assurance that nothing will be done hastily. His advisors are also conservative men, and, though the people are eager to rush immediately to arms, it may be stated as a certainty that premature action will not be forced by them."

On the day prior to the sailing of the Tacoma General Kodama, the Japanese home minister, was appointed chief assistant to the military staff and his cabinet portfolio assumed by Premier Katsura. Conferences were being held almost daily between the Premier and ministers of war and navy and the Emperor. Many reports of movements of Russian troops were received by Yokohama papers, just prior to the steamer sailing. Two batteries of Russian artillery, with twenty-seven guns were moved quickly from Harbin to Port Arthur, where the troops now in garrison have been added to the laborers who were working to increase the fortifications. A considerable body of troops is also reported to have been moved from Tomsk to Liao-yang, where they are camped under canvas, all accommodations being taken up. On October 4th a Russian warship sailed from Port Arthur for Korea with 500 troops, evidently intended for Yong-am-pho, at the Yalu, where forts were reported to have been erected by the Russians. The Russian garrisons at Newchwang had also been increased.

Regarding the recent conference when twenty-eight editors of Japanese papers were summoned before the war department, a Tokio paper says Colonel Murayama, who addressed them, urged them to desist publishing news of military preparations. He said he had read of the preparations for active service. The newspapers ought to know that the Japanese army was always ready to take the field at a moment's notice, and that there was never any need for precipitate preparations. The despatch of clothing and other stores to the various headquarters was nothing new.

The relations between Russia and Japan were attracting popular attention. The war office knew how anxious the people were for news, and would not keep them in the dark too long. It was however, "highly undesirable to agitate the public," in the way they had been doing, and he hoped they would be more discreet. Should Japan be forced to despatch troops abroad, it would be duly notified to the newspapers by responsible officials."

Pekin correspondents of Japanese papers report that Prince Ching, the Chinese chancellor, is endeavoring to induce Mr. Conger, United States minister, to offer his services as mediator between Russia and Japan, but the American minister refuses.

The Japan Gazette, commenting on the recent demands preferred by Russia in connection with Manchuria, says that China's acquiescence will prevent the opening of the two ports of Moukden and Tatungkou as arranged with the United States, without the consent of Russia to such a course.

Japanese vernacular papers are filled with war talk, and many have editorials worded strongly urging the government to take action against Russia. One Moji editor goes so far as offering to bet all his clothes that war would be a matter of a few days.

EIGHT OF CREW STILL MISSING

Part of the Company of Wreck on Hawaiian Islands Still Adrift.

Honolulu, Oct. 22.—A boat containing the boatswain and seven of the crew of the wrecked ship Constable de Richemont separated from the one containing Captain Raubt October 14th, and took a southerly direction. It is thought the boat will reach Hawaii safely as the light reflected from the crater of Mauna Loa will serve as a guide fro afar. The other missing boat, containing the first mate and several of the crew drifted off in a northerly direction, where it will likely cross the path of Oriental steamers and be picked up. The French consel has requested the federal authorities to send out the United States tug Iroquois in search for the missing boats.

The wrecking of the Constable de Richemont was due to a peculiar mistake. The rock on which she struck was mistaken for a ship and the vessel approached for the purpose of hailing and requesting provisions of which the Constable de Richemont was very short. It is thought the vessel can be saved with the assistance of a tug.

ANOTHER BANK SUSPENDS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 22.—Following the suspension yesterday of the Federal National Bank, Pittsburg, the First National Bank of Allegheny failed to open its doors for business, and its directors have notified the comptroller of the currency that the institution has gone into voluntary liquidation and requested him to take the necessary action in such cases.

FUEL COMPANY BUYS STEAMER

Western Steamship Company Formed to Handle Shipping of Coal Company.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Oct. 22.—By official notice of the new company gazetted today, the Western Steamship Co., as announced some time ago, state that the Wyefield has passed into the hands of the Western Fuel Co. According to the statement given, the company is formed primarily for the purpose of acquiring the Wyefield, and also with a view of acquiring other vessels as occasion arises, and further for the purpose of handling as a separate concern, the Western Fuel Co.'s transportation business.

An unexciting bye-election for school trustee resulted in the election of Morgan Harris and the defeat of a prominent labor man, George Johnson, by 166 to 84.

FIRE AT CAUGHNAWAGA.

Caughnawaga, Quebec, Oct. 22.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the large building owned by the government and occupied by over twenty families. The occupants saved but little of their effects. The fire is still burning, but is under control.

IMPORTANT SUIT.

Toronto, Oct. 22.—A writ was issued today by Wm. Munn against the Halifax & Yarmouth Railway Company and Philadelphia parties. He claims $9,040 that he was to receive as 10 per cent. commission on the sum of $90,400 paid by the Canadian government to the defendants.

ACCUSED OF POISONING.

Helena, Montana, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Hanna Hill, mother-in-law of Albert W. Falke, who died suddenly in Great Falls last March, has been arrested on a warrant, sworn out by Falke's father, charging her with having caused his death by means of poison. Falke's wife was arrested recently at Labell, Mo., on a similar charge.

F. AUG. HEINZE WINS.

Famous Law Suit Over Mining Property Decided in His Favor.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 22.—Judge Clancy in the district court here today decided the famous Minnie Healy mining suit in favor of F. Aug. Heinze, whose claims to the mine have been opposed by the Boston & Montana Mining Company, one of the Allied Amalgamated Copper corporations. The value of the mine is estimated at $10,000,000. The case was previously decided in favor of Heinze by Judge Harney, of Butte, but was sent back by the Supreme Court for trial for alleged improper conduct by Judge Harney during the pendency of the case in his court. Judge Clancy's decision was not regarded as final today. The case, it is said, will be fought through the highest courts in the land. The title of the case is "Miles Findley versus the Johnstown Mining Company," a suit on a verbal contract.

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Alaskan Boundary

Public Men of Two Continents Busy Discussing the Important Award.

Believed That Canadian Sentiment May Be Estranged From Great Britain.

Roosevelt Compliments U. S. Commissioners For Their Splendid Work.

London, Oct. 22.—Upon leaving London today A. B. Aylesworth, one of the Canadian commissioners to the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal, said, in justification of his refusal to sign the award: "It was more of a compromise than a judicial decision. Its effect will be that Dominion goods traversing the disputed territory must pay high tariff duties to the United States. The Canadians feel so keenly on this subject, that, although there will be no cry of separation, they probably will demand a larger power of self-government in order to prevent in the future a repetition of such decisions."

John W. Foster, the agent of the United States in the Alaska boundary arbitration, in an interview anent the statement made in the London press in connection with the Alaska decision, that the United States had repudiated the Behring Sea award, said the statements had no foundation whatever. He added: "While the United States government did seek to secure from Great Britain some modification of the regulations promulgated by the tribunal, it carried out loyally and in good faith the terms of the award, although the award has been continuously working serious injury to the United States."

London, Oct. 22.—A cable message has been received in London from President Roosevelt, thanking the American commissioners and counsel of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal, and expressing congratulations, in the name of the people of the United States, on the result of the tribunal's deliberations.

Washington, Oct. 22.—On receipt of official advices concerning the award of the Alaskan Boundary Commission, President Roosevelt sent the following cablegram to Messrs. Lodge, Turner and Root, the American members of the commission:

"Congratulate you and thank you heartily on behalf of the American people.

(Signed)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

WINS MATRICULATION.

Pupil of Vancouver College Secures Honors at McGill.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—Among the winners' exhibition at McGill appears the name of Henry T. Logan, Vancouver college. He wins matriculation exhibition valued at $150.

MINING LITIGATION.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 22.—Judge Clancy, in the district cort today refused the receivership petition of John McGinnis, a stockholder in the Boston & Montana Mining Company against that company, but granted an injunction restraining the Boston & Montana from transferring its stock to the Amalgamated Copper Company and paying dividends to that concern. The receivership petition is not denied permanently. The decision of Judge Clancy is so worded that if circumstances demand he may grant the receiver later.

BAIL JUMPER CAUGHT.

Wanted in Connection with St. Louis Boodling and Captured in Mexico.

St. Louis, Oct. 22.—A special to the Post-Despach from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: Charles Kratb, a member of the St. Louis city council indicted on a charge of bribery, who jumped a $20,000 bond, was arrested today by the local authorities on orders from the federal government at the City of Mexico. He will be held until officers with requisition papers from the United States arrive.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL.

Senator Morgan Deems Panama Route Out of the Question.

Washington, Oct. 22.—While President Roosevelt has designated in his proclamation calling Congress in extraordiary session the subject of Cuban reciprocity for consideration, Senator Morgan of Alabama has indicated to some of his colleagues his intention of introducing a resolution bearing upon the isthmanial question. He will demand consideration for the question raised, and will endeavor to show that the Panama route now is beyond consideration, and he will urge that it is the duty of the President, under the Spooner resolution to construct the canal by the Nicaraguan route.

Declares For Free Thought

Premier of France Makes Important Statement In Chamber of Deputies.

Declares War Will Be Waged Against the Slavery of Intelligence.

Paris, Oct. 22.—The first important debate in the Chamber of Deputies since the reopening of parliament last Tuesday, resulted today in an unqualified victory for the government. Premier Combes demanded that the interpollations on the subject of religious congregations be united with those of the general policy of the government, and the religious interpollations were withdrawn.

The government intended, the premier continued, to carry on the war against the congregations as well as a war of free thought against slavery of the intelligence.

In conclusion, M. Combes announced the government's intention to repeal the Falloux law, thus finally destroying congregational education.

The chambers voiced its unqualified confidence in the government by a vote of 332 to 233.

CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT.

Port Orford, Ore., Oct. 22.—The coroner's jury, empanelled to investigate the death of Charles L. Huson, first assistant engineer of the steamer South Portland, which was wrecked off Cape Blanco reef Monday, says in the finding that Capt. McIntyre "was criminally negligent in his duties as master in abandoning the wrecked steamer before seeing to the safety of the passengers and crew."

COLD STORAGE BANKRUPTS.

Minneapolis, Oct. 22.—The Minneapolis Cold Storage Company has filed a petition in bankruptcy, and John Kunz has been appointed receiver. Total liabilities may reach $400,000, while the assets are about $260,000. It is said the company had been handicapped by lack of working capital. The company will probably be reorganized. The slump in the Eastern butter market is assigned by Vice-President McMullen as one of the causes for the failure.

MURDER SUSPECTS.

Two Crotians Accused of Dynamiting Pennsylvania Contractor Arraigned.

Southampton, Eng., Oct. 22.—The two Crotians, giving the names of Tapare and Keber, who were arrested on board the American steamer Philadelphia here yesterday, appeared before the Southampton magistrates today, and were remanded to Bow street police court, London, for extradition on the charge of murdering S. T. Ferguson, a railroad contractor, at West Middleton, Pa., September 25th. The men had $1,200 in their possession when taken into custody.

SMUGGLER OF OPIUM AND CHINESE CAUGHT

Citizen of the "Soo" Apprehended After Years of Successful Operations.

Detroit, Oct. 22.—A special despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, says: Jack Lynch, who was arrested here Monday with three Chinamen, whom, it is alleged, he was trying to smuggle across the border, has made a written confession, according to the officers, telling the story of an organization which had for its purpose the smuggling of Chinamen and opium into the United States. He tells of a Chinaman in Toronto who is one of the gang, and says there are several people in the Canadian Soo engaged in the traffic.

Lynch says that he has been in the business for years, most of the time in Buffalo, and that their organization, of which he is but a tool, has been smuggling Chinese, opium and all kinds of forbidden goods into the United States. An effort will be made to capture the other members of the organization, although there is difficulty connected with it from the fact that nearly all are Canadians or Canadian citizens.

PLATFORM GAVE AWAY.

Knowlton, Quebec, Oct. 22.—At a political meeting here this afternoon, at which Hon. J. C. McCorkill, Liberal, and D. A. Manson, Conservative, were nominated for the vacant seat in the local legislature for Broome county on the death of H. T. Duffy, the platform in the tannery where the nomination proceedings were held, gave way precipitating 300 of an audience of 700 to the ground. One man had his eg broken, but all the others escaped without injury.

ARBITRATION TREATY THE NEXT MOVE

Ex-President of British Chamber of Commerce In U. S. on An Important Mission.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 22.—Thomas Barclay, of Paris and London, formerly president of the British Chamber of Commerce, who is in Washington today, expressed himself as favorable to the renewal of the efforts to secure an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

He added that he felt somewhat encouraged over the prospects.

Mr. Barclay said he had received the warmest encouragement, both in New York and Washington.

He cited the Franco-British treaty as the precedence.

Mr. Barclay has seen President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hay on the subject.

COPPER MARKET.

Boston, Oct. 22.—Narrowness marked the copper market, a majority of the stocks being lower, although a few minor ones showed improvement.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 22.—Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending October 22nd, 1903, was $6,680,702. The corresponding week of 1902 was $5,398,967, same week in 1901, $3,305,796.

DIAMONDS SEIZURE.

New York, Oct. 22.—The customs officials found in Captain Gelat's pockets several boxes containing diamonds, pearls, opals and miscellaneous jewelry which he had declared that he had nothing dutiable and that he was bringing in the pearls for friends.

CANNING FACTORY BURNS.

Oswego, N. Y., Oct. 22.—A canning factory occupied by the Oswego Preserving Company, and owned by the Hunt family of this city, was completely destroyed by fire today. Three hundred employees were thrown out of employment. Loss $15,000.

ENGRAVERS ON STRIKE.

New York, Oct. 22.—One hundred and fifty engravers of gold watch cases are on strike from four shops in Brooklyn in an effort to enforce a demand for nine hours pay for eight hours work. Their working hours were reduced from nine to eight at their own request several months ago.

NORTHERN PACIFIC DIVIDEND.

New York, Oct. 22.—The Northern Pacific Railway Company has declared a dividend of one and one-half per cent, an extra dividend of a half per cent. This makes 7 per cent for the present half year, the February declaration having also been one half per cent and half of one percent, while in May and August one and one-half per cent was declared.

Far East Situation

Russian Viceroy Opposed to Opening of Manchurian to Foreign Trade.

Denial That Japan Has issued a Preliminary Mobilization Order.

Russia Threatens China With Punishment If She Sides With Japan.

Pekin, Oct. 22.—It has been announced that the Russian viceroy of the Far East, Admiral Alexieff, is opposed to the opening of Manchurian towns to foreign trade. This has excited no surprise here. The treaty of commerce between China and the United States, recently signed at Shanghai, provides that suitable concessions be given at Mukden and Antung for the residence of foreigners and for their commerce.

Russia's later proposals to China, which embody Viceroy Alexieff's policy, stipulate that such concessions be given only to Russians. The officials of the Japanese legation here say that the negotiations at Tokio between Russia and Japan are proceeding satisfactorily.

London, Oct. 23.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Yokohama says the government has issued an official denial to a published statement that a preliminary mobilization order has been issued to the Japanese army. There is considerable belief in local circles, continues the correspondent, that this denial is merely technical.

A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Tokio says: "It is believed that another conference of the elder statesmen will be convened, probably tomorrow, when decisions having an important bearing on the future course of events are expected. In the meantime precautionary preparations are progressing.

It is reported from Pekin that M. Lessar has addressed a long note to Prince Ching, threatening China with severe punishment if she sides with Japan in the Manchurian question. This action, while the negotiations are pending, has caused deep umbrage.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.—A request of the Associated Press today for a statement from the Foreign Office indicating Russia's position in connection with the Far Eastern question elicited only the significant reading of a less reassuring despatch from Tokio.

The newspapers here say the Russian's Pacific squadron consists of fifty-four warships, including six battleships. Novoe Vremya declares that many of the most influential Japanese newspapers are subsidized by American and Englishmen.

Yokohoma, Oct 22.—It is currently reported that the hitch in the negotiations is due to the Japanese demand for equal railway rights in Manchuria, but it is believed that a more serious difficulty exists. Despatches are expected here from Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy. The feeling of popular unrest is growing.

SUICIDE'S BODY FOUND.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Mary Griffin, aged 55, was found dead today in the woods in the suburbs of this city. It is believed she committed suicide. A son disappeared two years ago, and after several months had elapsed his dead body was found in the woods.

MAY CHALLENGE.

London, Oct. 22.—In spite of the fact that W. H. Lever, of Birkenhead, near Liverpool, has denied having any intention to challenge for the America cup, the fact that he has asked George L. Watson if he would undertake the work of designing and superintending a cup challenger is now admitted to be indisputable. Mr. Watson has neither demitely declined or accepted, and this possibly explains Mr. Lever's denial.

MAKES COUNTER CHARGE.

New York, Oct. 22.—Wm. A. Brady, the theatrical manager, who with Lorenzo Winter, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in the crowd about Dr. Dowie's meeting, was discharged in the police court today. Mr. Brady instructed his counsel to prefer charges against the policeman who arrested him. Mr. Winter was paroled to give him an opportunity to bring witnesses as to the brutality of the police.

FAILED IN TEST.

Cruiser Denver Falls Short of Making the Required Speed.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 22.—The second-class protected cruiser Denver failed to make her contract speed of seventeen knots an hour in the United States government trial test off Cape Ann today. The Denver averaged 16.28 knots, and while the tidal conditions will probably be in her favor, they will not be sufficient to bring her up to the required speed.

CLOSED DOWN.

Two Big Sugar Refineries in New York Suspend Operations.

New York, Oct. 22.—The American Sugar Refining Company closed its big refinery in Jersey City today. The National Sugar Refinery Company also closed its big plant in Yonkers, N. Y. The National company's refinery, it is said, will be closed only for a few days while the other establishment may not reopen for some time.

Officials of the American company say the closing down of these refineries was in no way attributable to a falling off in trade other than the usual depresssion at this season of the year.

DARKEST NEW YORK.

Ghastly Sidelight Thrown on Affairs in the Metropolis.

New York, Oct. 22.—The hearing of former Police Inspector Walter L. Thompson, on a charge of extortion, was begun today in the court of Special Sessions. The complainant is Mrs. Margaret Gilhooley, widow of Sergeant Thomas F. Gilhooley, who told in the district court a few days ago of the payment of $2,500 by her husband and his estate for his promotion in the police department. Mrs. Gilhooley repeated her statement today. Up to May 3rd last, when Sergt. Gilhooley was shot and killed, Mrs. Gilhooley swore money to the amount of $669 had been paid to Thompson or his wife. They held also an insurance policy on Gilhooley's life, calling for $2,217.

Mainland Happenings

English Capitalists Said to Be Beginning on the Terminal City Gas Co's. Plant.

Anglican Synod of the Royal City Receives Encouraging Reports.

Secretary Baxter of Tourist Association in the Role of Modern Cupid.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 22.—English capitalists are said to be figuring on the purchase of the Vancouver Gas Company. The plant and gasometers have a capacity of 4,000,000 feet per month. About twenty hands are employed.

The Anglican synod of the city of New Westminster met on Wednesday at St. George's hall, New Westminster, under the presidency of Bishop Dart. In his charge his lordship referred to the active and successful efforts made in England towards the necessary partial re-endowment of the bishopric. He referred to the question of the desirability or otherwise of holding a church congress, to the appeal for missionaries to the Orient, the due observance of the marriage law, the desirability of establishing rural deaneries and the need of organized effort for the building up of the clergy widows and orphans' fund. The Rev. A. Silva White was re-elected clerical secretary, and G. H. Corry Wood lay secretary. Archdeacon Pentreath reported on the work in the diocese. The hon. secretary, N. C. Schou, presented the report of the executive committee. The executive decided at their first meeting to ask the Missionary Society of the church for a grant of $2,050, and it is believed before the end of the year all obligations will be met. Archbishop Pentreath presented a report on Chinese mission work, setting out the different grants given for this purpose, and stating that the mission now occupied their own building in Vancouver, erected at a cost of $2,600.

Valuable aid has been rendered a Seattle couple by the Tourist Association. On Wednesday Mr. Frank S. King and Miss Minnie K. Shonburn called at the Tourist Association rooms to ask about a marriage license. They had just stepped off the evening Seattle train. Secretary Baxter said he would fix them up. He located the Supreme Court registrar, got their license, rang up the Rev. Mr. McBeth and that minister came to the rooms, and, in full view of the public streaming past the windows on their way home to their dinner, Frank King and Minnie Shonburn were made man and wife.

Gilbert Blair has returned from a trip to Kelowna with his family. He reports that the country is all right from a settler's standpoint.

Judge Henderson and Mrs. Henderson have returned from Atlin on the Amur. Mrs. Henderson is much improved in health. The judge is wearing a magnificent nugget chain, presented by the citizens of Atlin. Judge Henderson was arrested on a warrant duly drawn upon a blue paper, the long list of offences being printed in the documents. Among other things the popular judge was charged with being a vagrant, hanging around the hotel and participating in law suits, billiards and other games of chance. A smoker was advertised and Judge Henderson invited. There were 200 present. He was suddenly taken by surprise on being told that he might consider himself under arrest, and the mock trial then proceeded with. He was adjudged guilty, the penalty being that he be compelled to wear the nugget chain. Judge Henderson says that the legal tangles as regards title to claims have been straightened out. That as far as the rumored difficulties of Dr. Carroll and Mr. Chas. Queen, of Vancouver, in the Flume proposition are concerned, they would be with the gold commissioner and not with the courts. He believes that Atlin is a good camp. There is no boom on there, but everyone is working hard in an endeavor to make good money out of their claims.

Mr. J. D. Scott, representing the big dry goods house of McIntyre & Son, Montreal, for British Columbia, has decided to make Vancouver his headquarters for the province.

There seemed to be a desire on the part of the bunch of prisoners on the penitent benches in the police court yesterday to tell the truth. His honor asked Mary Smith, a halfbreed lady, if she had been drinking much the night before; she said she had not, she only had one. The magistrate asked: "One what?" and Mary said, "One bottle," and the court believed Mary, for Mary was trembling with nervous prostration. The fine was $2.50. Three men were charged with stealing a ride on the C. P. R. from Kamloops. The magistrate asked one after the other what excuse they had. The first man said the conductor gave him permission, the second man said the conductor gave him permission, but the third man said: "Your honor, there was no one gave me no permission." The magistrate then asked him if he had stolen the ride, and he replied, "Yes, certainly." The case was adjourned to get the conductor. Four drunks, charged with drunkenness, said they were drunk, and were fined $2.50 each. The fifth drunk was asked if he had been intoxicated, he said "Yes," and then startled the court by adding, "I am a deserter, your honor." The magistrate asked if any one had charged this man with desertion; there was no answer, and Police Clerk McIntosh suggested that the man was giving himself up. His case was remanded for an investigation.

J. A. McDonald, the leader of the provincial Liberal party, was at the Hotel Vancouver yesterday. He met a number of members of the new Young Liberal Club, and also the older heads, in fact holding a series of receptions until the hour of his departure for his home in Rossland.

Sergeant Harris, of the police force, was arrested on a warrant yesterday charging him with perjury. The warrant was sworn to by ex-Sergeant Butler. The affair has arisen out of the recent police investigation. Butler claims that Harris swore at his investigation falsely when he said that he had not received instructions from him to make a certain raid on a Chinese gambling house; that he, Butler, did give him such instructions and, therefore, Harris has committed perjury. Sergeant Harris appeared in the police court yesterday and pleaded not guilty. The case was remanded until today, Harris being allowed out on $2,000 bail; $1,000 himself and two other sureties of $500 each.

Two little boys, Willie Wood and Dan Wood, are certainly on the highway to a criminal career if their efforts to be bad are not nipped in the bud. They are now in the city jail waiting their trial. The Wood boys hired two horses from Mr. Byrnes' livery stable and, driving into the country, traded the horses for cattle, and then deliberately drove the cattle into the city and attempted to sell them to a local butcher. The suspicious circumstances of two small boys trying to sell cattle lead to the exposure of their scheme.

John Smith, a negro, was accused in the police court yesterday of attempting to burglarize a Japanese boarding house. The prisoner pleaded his own case and pleaded it well. He said he was simply looking for the boss man to get a room, and he impressed the court sufficiently with his story to have his case postponed for an investigation.

The well-known lumbering firm of Small & Buckler have decided to erect a sawmill in New Westminster city. The exact location has not been decided upon. Mr. Small is at present in Ithica, N. Y., and on his return the question of choosing the site and the erecting of the mill will be taken up. Mr. E. J. Fader has secured large limits for the new concern and is interested in the company. The mill will have a capacity of 50,000 feet a day. The limits secured are tributary to the Fraser river.

The company will expend the first year over $100,000 in the establishment and conduct of its new tanning business. This statement was made by Mr. E. J. Fader, and referred to a new company, organized by Mr. Fader, known as the Fraser River Tanning Company, Limited. Mr. Fader arrived from Winnipeg Thursday, and was a passenger on the Charmer for Victoria. He stated that the company, of which he is president, and W. S. Turnnell, of Minneapolis, secretary, is shortly to start operations in New Westminster. It has been estimated that its plant will cost $32,000, and that it will expend in its business for the first year fully $75,000. Its capacity would be 100 hides a day, and Mr. Fader expressed a belief that that was about all British Columbia could supply the company with, in fact, it would be able to take all hides offered. The intention was to manufacture the leather and ship a large portion of it around the Horne to England. Mr. Fader said the fact that he was interested in a projected sawmill and a projected tannery in Westminster, made him anxious about navigation, and he was very anxious to see the wishes of Westminster citizens carried out in having the Fraser river properly dredged at once.

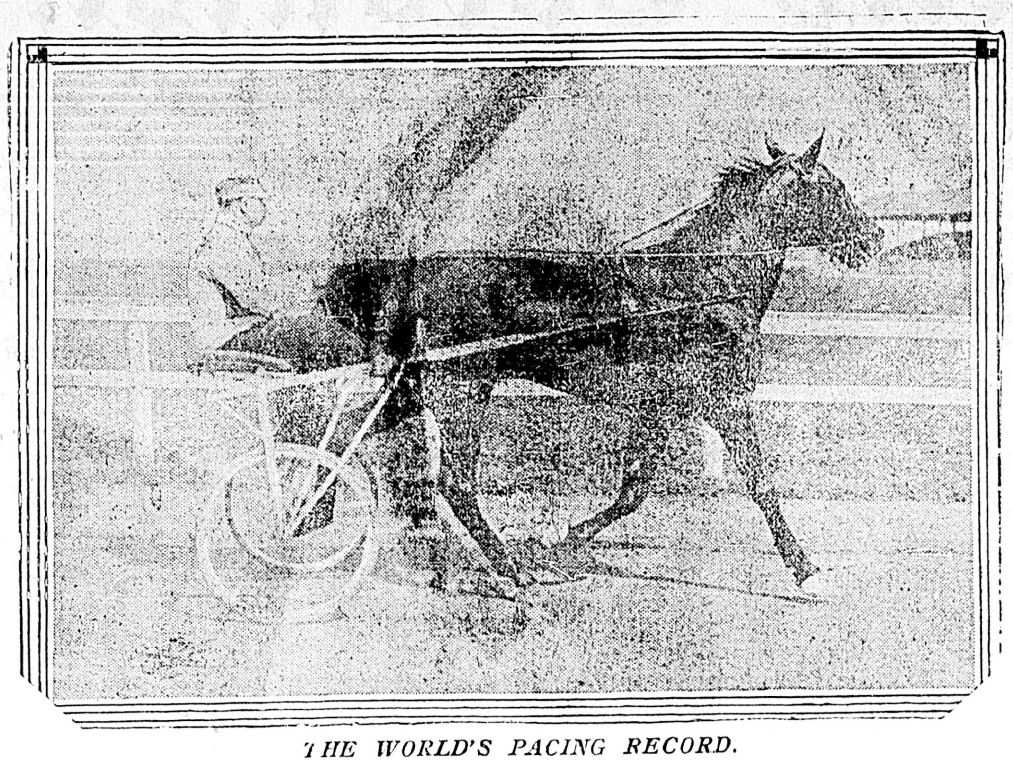
The Western Pulp & Lumber Mills Co., which is composed largely of Vancouver citizens, have succeeded in financing a proposition by which they will erect pulp mills at an early date. There will thus before long be two big pulp mills running in the province. The local concern, who leased limits from the government some time ago under the special act passed to promote the pulp industry, have transferred their leasehold to more desirable limits, which has enabled them to place their proposition on the market with the result that sufficient American capital has been secured to establish the pulp industry. The local members of the syndicate remain in the company. The manufactured article will be shipped principally to the Orient, and the site of the mills, which has not yet been made public, will be tributary to Vancouver.

ONLY TWO SURVIVORS.

Fourteen of Crew of Fishing Schooner Lost on Cape Cod Reefs.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 22.—On the Nova Scotia schooner John K. Kirkman, which arrived here tonight, are two seamen of the crew of the Gloucester fishing schooner J. T. Williams, which went to pieces on a reef off Cape Cod light in the storm last Friday morning. They are probably the only survivors of the fourteen men on board when the schooner struck. The rescued men, Walter J. Harris, of Bangor, Maine, and Chas. Keeler, of New York, were picked up last Friday night six miles off Cape Cod, after clinging nine hours to the bottom of the dory, in which they escaped.

DAN PATCH THE GREAT PACER



THE WORLD'S PACING RECORD.

Memphiss, Tenn., Oct. 22.—Dan Patch Lowered the World's Pacing Record Three Quarters of a Second Here This Afternoon, Making the Mile in 1.59 1-4.

Tarte Accuses Public Officials

Government Employees in Quebec Act as Grit Newspaper Agents.

Indignation Sweeping Over the Dominion at the Alaska Award.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Today Mr. Tarte charged government employees with acting as circulating agents for papers supporting the government in Quebec. Also said postmasters were furnishing these agents with names of subscribers of other papers. He claimed the same right for all other papers.

Mr. Borden said the same was being done in Ontario.

Sir W. Mulock demanded proof and names of alleged agents, promising that if the names are forthcoming he would see that their alleged acts were not repeated.

Mr. Tarte promised to furnish the names of at least twenty employees.

Sir W. Mulock, in explaining the disposal of the campaign literature, which caused a discussion in the House yesterday, intimated the probability of the franking privilege being curtailed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid on the table the correspondence relating to the Alaskan boundary joint tribunal. It was not complete, but more will be brought down later.

Replying to Mr. Borden Premier Laurier said the government had no information as to the reasons why Lord Alverstone consented to the cession of the two islands commanding the entrance to Port Simpson. He proposed to issue a blue book containing all the papers as early in the recess as possible.

Hon. Mr. Fielding then moved the House into committee on the Quebec bridge and the railway company resolution authorizing the government to guarantee the bonds to the extent of $6,678,200.

In the Senate Hon. Mr. McMullen said England had had trouble with Ireland and South Africa, but the indignation in those countries was nothing compared with that which was sweeping over Canada as a result of the Alaskan award.

EXTENSIVE FAILURE.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 22.—The Acme Harvester Company, one of the largest manufacturers of agricultural implements, has been forced to place its affairs in the hands of a committee representing the creditors and ask an extension of time. The assets are nearly $4,600,000 and considerably in excess of their liabilities. The returns assigned for the embarrassment are a bad season, bad collection and doing a business that was unwarranted by the capital of the concern.

INJUNCTION AFFECTS FIFTEEN THOUSAND

The Order of Montana Courts Forces Many Miners Out of Employment.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 22.—As a result of the handing down of the decisions today by District Judge Clancy, awarding the Minnie Healy mine, one of the richest properties in Butte and valued at $10,000,000 to F. Augustus Heinz, and then granting an injunction against the Boston & Montana Company, the principal property of the Amalgamated Copper Company in Montana, all the properties of the Amalgamated Copper Company in Montana were tonight ordered closed for an indefinite period. It is estimated by officials of the company that at least 15,000 men will be idle before tomorrow night.

The decision prevents the Boston & Montana from paying any dividends, and it is stated will tie up that concern until the injunction is dissolved. The Boston & Montana next to the Anaconda is the most valuable property the Amalgamated Copper Company owns.

BANK PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

Pittsburg, Oct. 22.—Robert J. Stoney, vice-president of the First National Bank of Allegheny, made the following statement today: "The reason the directors of the bank did not accept the offer of the clearing house banks of Pittsburg to tide us over was because, in the opinion of the directors, the amount was not sufficient to carry us over one or two days of a run, which must have resulted. For that reason the directors, in the interest of all depositors, decided it was the wisest policy to close the bank pending a settlement with the depositors. We will pay every depositor every dollar that is due, and there will be a good balance left for distribution among the stockholders of the bank."

Bank Examiner E. J. Vaughan has been appointed a receiver for the bank by the comptroller of the currency.

There was no excitement on the stock exchange at the close today.

GREAT LOSS BY FIRE.

Wiarton, Oct. 22.—The steam sawmill and several hundred thousand feet of lumber of the Canada Furniture Company were burned today. Loss $60,000.

RUMORS OF WAR.

Japanese Trans-Pacific Liner Leaves Honolulu in Fear of Seizure.

Honolulu, Oct. 22.—The steamer Nippon Maru, which sailed from here today for Yokohama, will stop at Midway island for orders through fear of capture, caused by the circulation of a report here that the Japanese consulate at Honolulu had received a cipher cablegram that war with Russia had been declared.

ALUMINUM INDUSTRY.

Important Decision Handed Down by U. S. Court of Appeals.

New York, Oct. 22.—A case involving the entire aluminum industry was decided here when the United States Court of Appeals handed down a decision upholding the validity of the so-called Bradley patent for smelting by the use of electricity. The suit was brought by the Electric Smelting & Aluminum Company, of Cleveland, against the Pittsburg Reduction Company, the only concern manufacturing aluminum in the United States, with plants at Niagara Falls and Massena, N. Y.

FISCAL CAMPAIGN VIGOROUSLY PUSHED

Formation of Imperial Council Urged to Advise Government on Affairs.

London, Oct. 22.—The fiscal campaign continues with unabated vigor. Among the speakers last night were Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Sir Edward Grey, both of whom said that protection would result in an increase in prices and great hardship to the working classes.

Sir Edward Grey urged the formation of an imperial council with representatives from India, the Crown and self-governing colonies, empowered to advise the government on imperial affairs, and who would prevent the converting of imperial into party questions.

VISIT BALTIMORE.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The Alfred Mosely educational commission, which has been in Washington for several days went to Baltimore today where various educational institutions were visited.

WILL PUSH WESTWARD.

Canada Northern Will Build to Pacific Ahead of Any Other Line.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 22.—"While it is now practically decided that the Canadian Northern will not be extended farther East than Port Arthur, we are confident western extensions will be pushed forward in such a manner that the line will be completed through to the Pacific before another road can be constructed."

This announcement was made by an official of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, while discussing the number of miles the company now has and the cost of its construction in a letter received in St. Paul today by an executive official of the Maple Leaf.

"The better knowledge people now have of the real possibilities of the West," the official adds, "has resulted in promoters of the company having little difficulty in getting all the capital necessary. The road, as well as extensions, is being built for approximately $12,000,000, the amount for which it is bonded. The action of the government in guaranteeing the interest of the company's 4 per cent bonds has, of course, facilitated the location of these securities in England at a figure a little below par."

AN AMERICAN STATEMENT.

U. S. Solicitor Presents Republic's Claims

The Hague, Oct. 22.—United States Minister Bowen and Judge W. Penfield, solicitor of the United States state department, who is assisting Mr. Bowen in the Venezuelan negotiation before The Hague arbitration tribunal, have submitted to the tribunal, which resumes its sessions November 4th preliminary statements concerning the question whether the allies are entitled to preferential treatment over the United States from Venezuela in the matter of claim payments. In his statement Judge Penfield says that if any government is entitled to preferential treatment, it is the United States, which should share in the distribution of the thirty per cent trust fund. The warlike operations of the allies did not benefit the United States. Mr. Bowen asserts that to avert the possibility of war the allies consented to present the matter to The Hague. Why the allies resorted to warlike measures, he continues, is a question they cannot answer creditable.

Paris, Oct. 22.—United States Minister Bowen is here consulting with the French representatives relative to the preparation of their case against Venezuela at The Hague arbitration court. The reported irritation of the members of the court to the American agents is understood to have disappeared.

British News By Cable

Canadian Blue Ruin Correspondent of English Press Taken to Task.

Lord George Hamilton Gives His Version of Cabinet Resignations.

Balfour Treated All But Duke of Devonshire Most Unfairly.

London, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Quoting the premier of Ontario's saying that he attached no importance to the suggestion that the colonies were not commencing new industries, the Westminster Gazette says Mr. Ross clearly thought that Mr. Chamberlain, and not his critics, was face to face in this matter.

A letter in the Birmingham Daily Post signed "Canadian," referring to Phillips Thompson and his correspondence on emigration to Canada, says: "You unfortunately do not know the reputation of your Canadian correspondent. We in Canada know the gentleman in question. 'Canadian' personally knew him thirty-five years ago, and has never seen anything but 'blue ruin' written by him."

In an address to his constituents at Ealing, Lord Hamilton, late secretary of state for India, gave for the first time his version of the recent cabinet resignations. He said that at the cabinet meeting on the last day of the parliamentary session, Premier Balfour produced a programme which included preferential tariffs and the taxation of food. The cabinet adjourned that day without reaching a dscision. After the meeting on September 14th Lord Balfour, then secretary for Scotland, C. T. Ritchie, then chancellor of the exchequer, and he, agreed to place their resignations in the hands of the Duke of Devonshire, then lord president of the council, who would present them with his own. It was not until September 16th that Lord George Hamilton learned of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's resignation and that the Duke of Devonshire had retained his. He declared that Premier Balfour had treated the members of the cabinet other than the Duke of Devonshire unfairly.

With regard to the general fiscal policy, Lord George Hamilton declared himself a free trader with limitations. He said also that he believed thoroughly in retaliation, which would give the country a better chance for the negoitation of reciprocity treaties. He thought no member of the cabinet would have resigned on such a proposition. He said the present propaganda was protection pure and simple.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF.

Rossland Welcomes Liberal Leader on His Return Home.

Rossland, Oct. 23.—Rossland extended a rousing welcome to James A. MacDonald, the Liberal leader on his return to the city after his elevation to the leadership. It was almost one o'clock when the train arrived, but 200 citizens with two bands were in waiting. The reception was a genuine ovation.

COLOMBIAN POLITICS.

Panama, Oct. 22.—News has reached the Isthmus that congress has agreed to adjourn upon November 14th, notwithstanding the wish of many congressmen to postpone adjourning until a decision on the canal matters has been reached in the American congress. The opposition of congress to other plans of President Marroquin becomes plainer every day. Newspapers published in Bogota on October 18th, contained the political platform of Joaquin Velez, a presidential candidate. The principal feature was the absolute rejection of foreign control of the canal. The next day, the members of congress met privately to consider the candidates for the presidency, and by a majority decided in favor of supporting Senor Velez, a few favoring General Reys. Velez has always been opposed to any treaty with the United States.

DOMINGO'S PRESIDENT.

San Domingo, Oct. 22.—United States Minister Powell delivered yesterday at the national palace an autograph letter from President Roosevelt congratulating General Woi Gil upon his election as constitutional President of the republic. Mr. Powell referred to the kind wishes of the President and people of the United States for the prosperity of the Dominican republic. Mr. Powell pointed out that the Washington government did not seek to destroy the autonomy of this republic and was ready in case of necessity to protect its territorial rights, but the United States would not interfere to protect Santo Domingo against its lawful creditors. President Gil replied that Santo Domingo intended to act in complete accordance with its powerful neighbor and said it was the government's intention to settle all differences amicably.

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BOYS' HEAVY BEAVER CLOTH REEFER OVERCOATS, with wide collar, double breasted, lined with wool plaid tweed, Navy only; sizes to fit from 3 to 12 year old boys. Regular price $5.00 each. CLEARING OUT PRICE $3.75

BOYS' BROWN FRIEZE REEFER OVERCOATS, with silk velvet collar, turn-over cuffs, strapped seams, lined with good quality farmer's satin, double breasted style, sizes from 3 to 7 years. Regular price, $5.25 each. CLEARING OUT PRICE $4.00

BOYS' ENGLISH WHIPCORD OVERCOATS, cut like papa's overcoat, single and double breasted style. Regular price, $8.25. CLEARING OUT PRICE $5.25

YOUTH'S ENGLISH WHIPCORD OVERCOATS, single breasted style, in Grey and Fawn, sizes to fit young men from 12 to 17 years. Regular price, $12.50 each. CLEARING OUT PRICE $7.50

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17th October, 1903.

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GEORGE R. JACKSON

57 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Indignant Over Alaskan Award

Citizens Generally Agree That Canada's Interests Have Been Sacrificed.

Believed That Thin Edge of Wedge For Annexation Has Been Driven.

A very great amount of interest is manifested locally in the decision of the tribunal which has just signed a settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute. A large majority of the citizens are loud in denunciation of the terms of the agreement, characterizing it as preposterous and inexplicable in the extreme. Those most conversant with the entire matter are of the opinion that British diplomacy has made a huge blunder in leading Canada into a position which is most humiliating. Not only has Canada surrendered all the land which was in dispute, but the tribunal has taken away from the Dominion a large stretch of territory, the ownership of which was never called in question for a moment. The surrendering to the United States of two islands off Portland canal, which can command the approaches to Port Simpson is looked upon as likely to have the effect of making the Grand Trunk Pacific people change their plans respecting their northern terminus. Victoria may benefit from this, as should the railway company seek a port on the Pacific further south they may come to Bute inlet and on to Vancouver island.

In Vancouver also the Alaskan boundary "settlement" is much discussed. In an interview Mayor Neelands is reported to have come out openly in favor of the independence of Canada from Great Britain. He declared that he thought this the best medium course between annexation with the United States and imperialism, as it is practised.

Rev. Elliot S. Rowe, of this city, who was in Vancouver, is thus quoted in an interview:

"I think the award was an outrage on Canada. I am a strong Britisher, and always have been, but if the imperial authorities are going to give away the country in small sections, as they have done in this case, we might as well go over to the United States in a body and be done with it. We might then have some say in the government of the country and the disposal of its territory.

"It looks to me very much as if we had won the case and lost the territory. It was bad enough to ignore the Canadian contention as to where the boundary line should be located but when the opinions of the British commissioners were also overlooked and such a large section of the country given away, it is high time that the people of Canada take some action in the matter. There is nothing, in my opinion, that could be done that would more strongly favor the annexation sentiment than this award."

FEELING IN WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg Free Press says:

"The Alaskan boundary award will take its place with the Ashburton treaty as a damning evidence of Great Britain's subserviency to the United States where the latter's interest conflict with those of Canada. Canadians will never become reconciled to the sight of the map of Maine piercing our territory like a wedge—our own land, so greatly needed to unite the two Eastern sections of the Dominion, of which we were deprived through the criminal indifference of British statesmanship. Similar feelings will, we fear, be entertained by all future generations of Canadians when they see on the map the long arm of American territory running down the Pacific shore and barring our rich hinterland from access to the sea. The feeling of the Canadian people will be evoked not so much against the United States as against Great Britain, which is one of the most unfortunate features of the whole matter. It is certain to affect prejudicially the relations between Canada and Great Britain."

FLAGS AT HALF MAST.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—Mr. Alexander Muir, author of "The Maple Leaf Forever," is the principal of Gladstone avenue school. Today the school flags were floating on the anniversary of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. Having read the news of the sacrifice of Canada's rights in the Alaskan boundary, Mr. Muir obtained the permission of the chairman to put the flags at half mast.

In answer to a London Daily Mail cable, asking an expression of British Columbia sentiment on the Alaskan award, says the News-Advertiser, that journal's local correspondent sent yesterday a reply to the effect that Lord Alverstone's presumed attitude was a great shock to Pacific Canada's Imperial sentiment, and unfortunately regarded as a sacrifice of Canadian loyalty for the assumed friendship of the United States to Great Britain which was wholly unproved in fact. The Daily Mail will comment editorially in today's issue.

GRAND BENEFIT CONCERT.

Elaborate Programme Prepared for Worthy Charity Programme.

The promoters of the grand benefit concert to be given by the Musicians' Protective Union, under the auspices of the Forester and Workman lodges of this city at the Victoria Theatre tomorrow evening, announce that they have secured Mozartto, the musical wonder, who will please the audience by playing on two clarionets, at one time, and also two ocarinas. He will also endeavor to give solos and selections on other instruments. John Mackey, the mimic or impersonator, will present a specialty that has never been excelled in Victoria. He will give a specialty which will be sure to please.

Theo. Price, who has kindly volunteered to assist this most laudable object, will present a specialty consisting of high-grade songs, which should gain the approbation of the Victoria public. Mr. Reginald de LaMar, will present a blackface speciality, which would be very hard to duplicate. As a monologist this gentleman stands supreme, and his singing and dancing cannot be beat.

Miss Lottie Ellis, a well-known favorite with local audiences and who is in this city from Portland on a short visit, has kindly volunteered her services. She possesses a soprano voice of exceptional merit and she will be bound to please.

Of course, the "Big Four" quartette needs no introduction, but it may be said that they have some new and catchy songs with which to please the large and enthusiastic audience which assuredly will greet them.

Of course, Mr. Wilhelm Peters is bound to please. His sleight of hand and legerdemain will entertain any audience.

Mr. Emile Pferdner, as conductor, is faithfully drilling the massed bands and the public is assured that the music as rendered by this organization will be of the very best.

"Is Bunkins as good as his word?" asked one business man.

"I think he is," replied the other. "His word isn't good for anything."—New Yorker.

Hicks—He says he has perfected plans that will enable him to build low priced automobiles, placing the machines within the reach of all.

Wicks—The idea! That means a great business undertaking. H'm. It also means a great undertaking business.—Catholic Standard and Times.

PERSONALS.

Premier McBride has recovered from his recent illness and was able to be at his office for a short time yesterday.

R. H. Carley, a brother of Dave Carley, who represents a Montreal house, is in the city, a guest at the Vernon.

John C. Heritage, chief engineer of the steamer Amur, and Mrs. Heritage, have returned from a visit to friends in Eastern Canada.

C. E. Smith, a commercial man of Montreal, is in the city, a guest at the Driard.

Adam Thompson and wife, of Nanaimo, are guests at the Dominion.

L. Cullison of Plumper's Pass, is at the Queen's.

J. Babcock and wife of Dawson, are at the Queen's.

J. H. Bergen and wife, of Seattle, are at the Queen's.

Mrs. Poulton and children are at the Queen's.

Miss Ballantyne of Honolulu, H. I., is staying at the Driard.

F. L. Hutchins and W. W. Millichapm, Toronto, are at the Driard.

G. Lowe, Ottawa, arrived last night and is quartered at the Driard.

M. J. B. White of Vancouver, is staying at the Driard. He came over last night.

TATOOSH REPORT.

Tatoosh, Oct, 22.—6 p. m.—Clear, wind, east, 36 miles an hour. Inward, schooner Robert Lewers, Honolulu for Port Townsend at 9:00; barkentine Robert Sodden, San Pedro, Tacoma at 10; brig Tanner, San Diego for Port Angeles at 3:00. Outward, steamer Robert Dollar, Seattle for San Francisco; Wyefield, Nanaimo for San Juan; U. S. steamer Columbia, Puget Sound for Astoria; schooner Mindaro, Port Blakely for San Francisco. Outside bound in, three ships and two schooners.

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: W. H. Moore and wife, J. S. Danils, Geo. Hame, J. Hemans, Mrs. Robertson, H. F. Pope, R. M. Oliver, Miss Ewing, J. E. Denard, O. Taylor, W. H. Bland, A. G. Langley, J. Jodston, Mrs. Leitch, D. Lamont, Prof. Jouty, Dr. E. Hall, J. B. H. Rickaby, E. Guest, F. Canail and wife, H. Martin, A. E. Doering, Geo. Rowe, W. W. Millichough, F. L. Hutchins, H. Horsman, Mrs. Henderson, J. Gully, V. H. French, P. McLean, Geo. Wirth, H. L. Delaway, D. Johnston, J. Vichsham, J. C. Shadburn, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Hamilton, C. Harper, W. C. Nichol.

RIVAL CITIES AND A DREDGE

Vancouver Paper's Reference to a Matter Much Concerning Victorians.

Under the caption "Two Cities and a Dredge," the Vancouver News-Advertiser of yesterday says editorially: "We should be glad if we could arrange a modus vivendi between our neighbors at Victoria and New Westminster in regard to the Dominion government's dredge. Built, as is generally conceded, for use on the Fraser river, the dredge was sent to Victoria and while there was requisitioned to aid in filling the James Bay mud flats. The economy with which the work can be done in this way as compared with the cost of doing it with teams and carts can be easily realized. But now the good people of New Westminster demand that its destined work of deepening the river's channel shall be resumed without another week's delay. The Victoria people plead for thirty days' further use of the dredge and claim that its withdrawal now will entail an additional $30,000 in completing the filling of the flats. But our neighbors in the Royal City insist on immediate action. A vessel expected to arrive at any time with rails cannot get up the river until the channel is dredged. The Victoria corporation is willing to pay the lighterage of the rails if the dredge can remain there for thirty days. But the New Westministerites are obdurate, and even the personal appeal yesterday of Mayor McCandless was unavailing. Perhaps the services of the corporation or Board of Trade of Vancouver might be useful if offered to arrange a settlement. Meanwhile the river channel is gradually becoming shallower while Victoria's citizens view daily with delight therising surface of the flats as the dredge belches forth boulders, clam shells and mud snatched, if not from ocean's depths, from the bottom of the harbor."

WHITE HORSE RICH CLAIMS

Excellent Values Found at Bedrock at Depth of Three Feet.

White Horse advices just received announce that last week Bert Fowler, a well-known miner of that place, returned there from his claim in the new Shakwak diggings with excellent reports of the camp. "Shakwak" is the chosen designation of the diggings discovered near Lake Arkell, back of White Horse, late last summer.

Fowler owns 34 above on Ruby Creek. He worked his claim for two months, and before he quit operations for the season had located the paystreak.

He commenced to work on the west limit of the creek, and although he obtained good prospects, yet the paystreak was not struck until he had reached within a short distance of the east limit, and then it was found only five days before he had to quit work on account of the freezing up of the water in the creek. The finding of the paystreak in this place has led Mr. Fowler to conjecture that a slide had changed the course of the stream.

Although pay was found in the gravel above, the real values were obtained in the decomposed schist bedrock, which he reached at a depth of three feet. In this rotten bedrock he went down about eighteen inches, getting coarse gold and many small nuggets, the largest of which weighed over $5. The first day after striking the paystreak he took something over three ounces. The gold obtained the five days during which he was working on the paystreak totalled about $289. After the freeze-up he panned out half an ounce in less than half a day.

Shortage of supplies and the freezing of the water compelled Mr. Fowler to abandon work for the season on Ruby. In his opinion the creek is a summer diggings, and hence on his return this winter he will put in his time in doing representation and development work on his claim on Fourth of July Creek.

Mr. Fowler has been employed in the B. Y. N. shipyards for the past three years and is well known around White Horse. To all he is known as being a most reliable man and absolute dependence can be placed on all he says regarding the Shakwak diggings. If there was any possible reason to doubt his statements, the gold he brought in with him would furnish proof positive of the richness of his claim.

Dawson Charlie has received a complete pumping outfit, which he will take into the diggings for the purpose of working Discovery claim on Fourth of July Creek.

Rev. Allan A. Stockdale, pastor of Trinity Congregational church, Beachmont, Mass., has received a formal call to become the pastor of Berkeley temple in Boston. Mr. Stockdale is but 28 years of age, but has been preaching in Revere for a year and a half, and has been very successful as a pastor. He is considered to be a young man of great natural talent as an orator and has attracted much attention outside his own church.

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Apple Growing Industry Has Now Assumed Very Large Proportions.

Great Tracts of Land About to Be Planted as Orchards.

Kelowna, Oct. 20.—In few districts of British Columbia is the progress of the past few years more remarkable than in this part of Yale. And its increased wealth and growth is most happily of such a sort as to guarantee richer and richer returns as the years go by. For long years Mr. Thos. Earle, of Lytton, Wm. Fortune, of Tranquille, Mr. McGuire, of Salmon Arm, and many others on down to Whelan and Lequime, of Okanagan Mission, have shown that the dry belt was one of the best favored apple growing regions of Canada, but it has been reserved to Okanagan district to carry matters beyond the experimental stage, and establish arboriculture as one of the safest and most remunerative industries of the province.

When the late G. G. Mackay exploited Vernon townsite and arranged the sale of the famous Forbes-Vernon estate to the Earl of Aberdeen, tree planting as a business began to give promise, and little by little the industry has grown until little colonies are now being established with their sole hope based on fruits and garden and field products. The latest of these is Summerland, on the site of the old Barclay ranch, well down towards Penticton. Here good progress has been already made, but the progress of the little settlement may be seen in the demand for next spring's planting which will be of over 60,000 fruit trees.

Peachland, the earlier of the Robinson settlements, for Mr. J. M. Robinson, formerly a newspaper man of Winnipeg, is the busy promoter of these two townsites, has already got its 17,000 fruit trees out, and hopes to treble that number within twelve months. Building operations are busy in both towns. Shops and stores have been started, and works of permanence appear on all sides.

At the present time Kelowna however is the largest shipping point on the lake. Hogs and cattle are still the products of the valley, but it is with potatoes and vegetables and apples and pears that the lake steamer is loaded down each trip to her full capacity. Then four and five carloads a day have gone out almost regularly for the past month, and the great stream of produce promises to flow on from this point for at least another month more. The old cattle ranches have been well subdivided, and that work is still going on; part of the A. B. Knox 12,000 acres being the last sacrifice to the rush of settlers into Kelowna.

Earlier in the season plums, strawberries and all sorts of small fruits occupied the settlers' attention, but now the winter apples have the call. Magnificent Spy, Snow, Baldwin, Ben Davis, and others of the hardier sort are seen on all sides. All through the day team follows team with their 50 box loads to the landing. Large and high colored, the eye is captured first by one sort and then by some other variety. Ben Davis is in greatest number; not perhaps the finest variety, as its flavor is inferior to that of the Spy, but it will keep until May, and is a most prolific bearer.

A walk out of town soon brings one amongst the orchards. With but few exceptions none are over eight years old, but at six years they begin fruiting, and tree after tree is seen with its ten to twenty boxes of the finest fruit. One small orchard of twelve acres is netting its owner so much as $4,000 for this year's crop. And while the cost of production is not great, almost all of it is of local distribution. The local sawmill has all that it can do in keeping up with its orders for boxes. All the available labor of the district is pressed into the picking and boxing of the fruit. Much of the packing indeed falls to the hands of the Chinamen, just as the picking of potatoes does to the Siwash. All now are busy rushing the work, lest the Frost King overtake them.

On all sides too young and younger orchards are to be seen. Scarce a plantation exists, but it has its additions and yearly planting seems the recognized order of the day. Up and down the lake every bench where water may be brought has its little checkerboard of planting, while amongst the young trees are seen strawberries, currants, and all sorts of small fruits.

Tomatoes have been tried this year with marked success, and thus another addition is made to the shipment of the valley.

Of the recent settlers it should be said that most of them are men of means, and what is of more importance men of energy and enterprise, in whose hands the future of the industry may be safely trusted.

BIRTH-RATE VAGARIES.

"There is no need to be alarmed at the falling birth-rate," said a prominent medical officer of health to a London, Eng., "Express" representative. "It is common to all civilized countries, and is due to present economic conditions.

"It is, in short, one of the results of the high state of civilisation.

"The wealthier classes have never had large families. The poorer classes have always had them, and will continue to do so. The pity of it is that the children are so handicapped by weak parents, improper food, unwholesome surroundings, and bad air in the dwellings.

"It is in the middle classes that the decrease of the birth-rate is so pronounced. This class marry later than any other, and are not content to begin married life until they have well furnished a house, and can afford to keep a servant.

"The bicycling girl does not take kindly to the duties of motherhood. She is accustomed to cycle before marriage, and she wants to keep up her cycling afterwards.

"The husband wants to go to his club, and enjoy all the privileges of bachelor life, and his business cares make him averse to bringing up children, whose cries at night may disturb his rest."

A medical officer in a poor London East End district told the "Express" representative how hardly the matter of large families was pressing on the poor.

"There are hundreds of houses here," he said, "where lodgers are not taken if they have children. To admit the possession of a family when seeking rooms is to have the door shut in your face by the landlady.

"Some get over the difficulty by declaring themselves to be childless, and appear to be so when they move in. A day or so afterwards first one and then another of their children, who have been 'minded' at a neighbour's, are smuggled in at night."

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SPORTING NEWS.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms a large gathering of young men interested in Association football, was held for the purpose of selecting a captain of the Y. M. C. A. team, and also of selecting the team to play on Saturday. Mr. M. A. Thomas was chosen as captain, and Saturday's team will be selected from the following players: Hurst, White, Thomas, Robertson, Connor, Shotbolt, Bate, Godfrey, Davidson, Roscamp, Gawley. Alternates, Wilson, Pettigrew and Eliot. The colors of the Y. M. C. A. team are to be blue and white. Arrangements were made to play H. M. S. Shearwater's team on Saturday the 31st inst.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

On Saturday at 1.30 p.m. at the Caledonia grounds a game will be played between the Oak Bay and Central junior teams. The teams are said to be evenly matched, and a good game from start to finish is expected. The following is the Central team: Full back, Ogden; three-quarters, F. Anderson, H. Sargison, Morley, A. Sargison; halfbacks, W. Kinloch, O. Anderson; forwards, Sweeney (captain), Morris, Clegg, Keefe, Milligan, Wilson, Dougal, Lyall, substitutes, C. Kinloch, Pettigrew.

ENJOYABLE DANCE.

At the Assembly hall last night a large number of dancers assembled to enjoy the dance held by Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dickinson's dancing class. All arrangements were made to make the evening a pleasant one, the music being good, the floor smooth and every arrangement tending to the comfort and enjoyment of those present.

CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.

What the "rights of labor" especially of white as compared with colored industry, is beginning to mean in Australia is illustrated in a rather striking manner by a police court report in a Melbourne newspaper. The prisoner, Woh Hong, a Chinaman, was charged with the heinous crime of working in his laundry after five o'clock in the evening. Prosecuting counsel reminded the court that, according to the local ordinance, no person was permitted to work in a Chinese laundry before half-past seven o'clock in the morning, or after five o'clock in the evening, whereas a policeman had discovered the defendant at work at eight o'clock at night. This statement was substantiated by Officer M'Coll, who testified that he had detected the accused in the very act of folding and unfolding clothes. His place was lit up with a kerosene lamp. When told that it was half-past eight, and that he ought not to be at work, he said: "Me no understand." The defence was that the defendant was not working. A few minutes before the policeman came he had received some clothes from a European, and was merely counting them. The magistrate promptly directed that the prisoner was guilty, because even if he were not actually washing or ironing, he was, by his own admission counting the clothes, which was part of his laundry work. He therefore ordered him to pay $1.25 fine and $12.50 costs, magnanimously allowing him one week in which to pay the money. They do not intend to be "ruined by Chinese cheap labor" in Melbourne.

REHEATING ON STEEL.

Engineering, reviewing at length extensive research work carried out by Messrs. J. E. Stead and A. W. Richards Middlesbrough, shows that the microscope in each experimental series indicates the same result—that heating at high temperatures causes a great development in the size of the crystalline grains, and reheating to about 870 deg. restores the original or a better structure. If all structural steels in their normal rolled or forged condition are good, they can be readily deteriorated in quality by heating to a temperature a little above that to which steel is most commonly heated previously to rolling or forging. Steel made brittle by such heating, and dangerously brittle by heating at considerably higher temperatures can be completely restored to the best possible condition without forging down to a smaller size or by remelting. Practically all results show that not only are the original good qualities of normally rolled steel, after making brittle, restored by the exceedingly simple treatment of heating to about 900 deg. Cent. for a very short time, but that such steel is made considerably better than it was. It is scarcely necessary to say how important and far reaching to steel workers and engineers this most valuable knowledge is. That brittle "soft steel" can be restored by reheating has been proved, but that carbon steels can be actually made much superior to the original properly forged metal by reheating to 870 deg. and cooling in air is revealed now for the first time. It will be remembered that at the Dusseldorf meeting last year Mr. Stead urged the imperative necessity of reheating to 900 deg. Cent. for forgings, and allowing them to cool in the air to remove accidental brittleness. The results now attained fully justify the statements then made. We would further urge that in every large forge and smith's shop Le Chatelier pyrometers should be introduced, and in addition suitable furnaces for reheating the forgings, and that these should be systematically made use of. From somewhat extensive experience it is known for a fact that in many works steel is forged, rolled and finished at temperatures far above what is the best for the endurance of the steel when put into practical use, and we feel confident that if such appliances were to be intelligently employed, the finished forgings would be greatly improved. It must be acknowledged that it has been upon the inferior enduring properties of such material that engineers have had to base their factors of safety, with the inevitable consequence that on the average much greater margins have been allowed than would be necessary if the steel were invariably obtained in its maximum condition of strength and safety. The system often specified by engineers, that forgings when being annealed shall not be heated to a temperature high enough to cause a scale is wrong; 870 deg. Cent. is coincident with a blue scale, and the steel is improved by heating till it forms this scale. When the forgings are of unequal section, they may be heated to 850 deg. Cent. to 900 deg. Cent., and be then cooled in air, oil quenched, or treated by any other Sorbyising process till they are a barely visible red, and finally annealed in a furnace at a dull red heat to remove the stresses produced by rapid cooling.

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J. T. Clary, chief master at arms on the United States battleship Nevada, with service stripes on his arms denoting 28 years of naval service, recently completed 100 trips around the world.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills Notice.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the seventh day of December, 1903.

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BRITISH COMMENT.

So far as we have seen no comments in any of the British newspapers upon the Alaskan award touch upon the really serious features of the case at all. An individual should be able to take an adverse decision in a court of law in a manly way, and so should a nation. Had such a decision been given under different circumstances Canada would have acquiesced without a whimper even although convinced she had received less than her just rights. But the bitter point is that we find a complete understanding between Great Britain and the United States over the matter, and a complete misunderstanding between Great Britain and Canada. We have always understood that this commission consisted of three British commissioners and three United States commissioners. But we find we have been mistaken. It consisted of one English commissioner, two Canadian commissioners and three United States commissioners. Right with partiality belonged with the United States commissioners, impartiality with the English commissioner, and wrong with partiality with the Canadian commissioners, if we are to accept the decision as a judicial one. But the two Canadian commissioners have deliberately given it as their opinion, and they have also given the reasons for that opinion, that the decision was not a judicial one at all. That is what places Canada in such an awkward position. If Mr. Aylesworth and Sir Louis Jette are right in their opinion, Canadian interests have been deliberately sacrificed instead of being defended by Great Britain, and evidence has been given of a greater solidarity between Great Britain and a foreign country, than between two portions of the same country. On the other hand, if Mr. Aylesworth and Sir Louis Jette are wrong in their opinion, they have disgraced Canada, and put upon her the stigma of appointing two commissioners so blindly prejudiced as to be incapable of recognizing a judicial decision. There are very few people in Canada capable of saying whether the decision is a judicial one or not. But certainly, when we regard the circumstances leading up to it, in conjunction with the opinion of the Canadian commissioners, the whole matter presents a decidedly unfortunate appearance. The Americans are doubly delighted over the result of the commission. They have not only won their case, but in the method by which they have won it they think they have driven a wedge between Canada and Great Britain, which brings nearer their separation and the incorporation of Canada in the United States. They are very clever, but they reckon without their host. Their diplomacy has been a beautiful and exact illustration of a Western slang phrase, the "double cross." This expression describes something which no other expression does describe, and is, therefore, worthy of a place in the language above a mere dictionary of slang. But we know of nothing which would more accurately define it than that by one action the United States should get everything claimed at the expense of Canada, and at the same time, stir up bad feeling between Canada and Great Britain. The great mistake made, however, is in thinking that loyalty to the Empire means loyalty to Great Britain. Great Britain is not the British Empire. Great Britain, it is true, possesses the power to destroy the British Empire, and often seems to act as if she were bent on doing so. But the Empire will never be destroyed or weakened with Canada's consent and of that the United States may be absolutely certain.

CANADIAN GRAIN YIELD.

In 1903, according to official estimates, Ontario produced 16,969,634 bushels of fall wheat, as against 20,033,669 bushels in 1902. Of spring wheat Ontario's crop was 4,862,711 bushels this year, as against 6,048,024 bushels in 1902. The province's yield of barley this year was 24,203,070 bushels, as against 21,890,602 bushels in 1902. Oats, too, showed an increase, this year's Ontario crop being 110,125,099 bushels, compared with 106,431,439 bushels in 1902. Of rye the production was 2,978,641 bushels, as against 3,509,382 bushels in 1902. The pea crop amounted to 9,179,345 bushels, as against 7,664,679 bushels in 1902. Of hay and clover the Ontario farmers produced 5,191,828 tons, as against 4,955,438 tons in 1902. When we turn from Ontario to the new agricultural area of the West we find some lower yields than last year's fine crop showed. The total grain crop of Manitoba and the Territories is 110,000,000 bushels, exceeding by 10,000,000 bushels the total crop of the year before. But there is a decline in the great staple crop, wheat. Of that Manitoba and the Territories produced 57,163,032 bushels, as against 67,000,000 bushels in 1902. The falling off was almost entirely in Manitoba, the Territories having had a crop reported to be as large as that of last year. The area under wheat in Manitoba was 3,757,173 acres, as against only 3,189,013 acres in 1902. There was a shrinkage of about eight bushels to the acre in this year's yield as compared with last year's. This was due to lack of rain in the early summer. Though the yield of the staple grains was so much less this year than last both in the East and in the West, the farmers' collective buying power is greater this year than it ever was. This is owing to certain other conditions. In the first place the price of wheat is 6 cents or 7 cents higher than it was a year ago. In Canada the difference is even greater than that, the price here being bid up at one time by our millers 4 cents or 5 cents above an export basis. In the second place, the yield of feed grains has been large, so that the production of live stock will be increased. Hogs continue in free demand at high prices, notwithstanding the increased production of them. In the third place, the summer rains in Ontario were very favorable for the dairy industry. As a consequence this year's output of cheese will probably exceed that of any former year. By the middle of September the season's exports of cheese had amounted to $14,000,000. Prices in the British market have been high for some time, and it seems likely that our cheese exports this season will amount to $20,000,000. Butter, as well, has had a good season. Our farmers have had a succession of good crops, and are consequently in a prosperous state. They are able to hold their wheat for higher prices. Both in the West and in Ontario they are doing so, believing that the statistical showing of the market warrants them in expecting an advance. In not many agricultural countries can the farmers afford to hold their chief staple. In the last few years the farmers of Ontario and Manitoba have expended scores of millions in improvements and in debt redemption.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

By its selection of a leader, the Liberal party admitted the complete domination of the Ottawa machine over the provincial Liberal party. It did not dare to do so before the election. It has done so afterwards. The Liberal members in the legislature now represent the simple and easy policy of truckling to Ottawa. This is an easy policy but it is not one which strengthens the hold of the Liberal party upon the people of British Columbia. The people of British Columbia want a specifically provincial policy in any government, Liberal or Conservative, to which they entrust the reins of power, and they will not for a long space of time entrust the government to the Liberal party. If that party were to go before the country today it would return still more in a minority than it is now. It has seventeen members out of forty-two. That is the largest representation it will ever have in the legislature until it is wholly purged of subserviency to the Ottawa government, deservedly unpopular on general principles in the province of British Columbia and particularly in its relation to our local legislation. We understand that the Liberals have decided to contest any seats opened by the government. Let them do so. We know of no better means by which the finality of the result of the late general elections could be impressed upon them. The policy of the Liberal party has been definitely determined along a particular line, a line highly unpopular with the people as a whole and with a large number of Liberals who continued to vote with the party as long as its policy was indeterminate.

FISH.

The Hamilton Spectator, discussing the condition of Canadian fisheries as a whole, says: "Uncle Sam, by wasteful methods in fishing and total disregard of the future, has ruined his fishing grounds, both on the Atlantic coast and in the great lakes. And Canada has spent large sums of money in conserving her fisheries; but what is the result? In one way and another the Americans have gained control of nearly all the fisheries in the Canadian waters or its great lakes, and the great bulk of the output of the so-called Canadian fishermen goes to the United States. Then, while fish is scarce and dear in Canada—the country which spends money to keep up the fish supply—it is plentiful and cheap in the United States—the country which has ruined its own fisheries, and now depends upon Canada for its supply of fresh lake fish. Of course, the exportation of fish figures largely in the trade statistics, and there are some Canadians who look upon these figures as being all-satisfying when they are large. But it seems to us that the Canadian who has to pay a high price for his fish, or is unable to get any, cannot very well satisfy his appetite by a study of the trade figures. It amounts to just this: That Canada is spending huge sums of money to propagate fish, to guard the fish from American thieves; to maintain close seasons that the fish may grow and multiply, and to generally conserve the Canadian fisheries, all for the benefit of the people of the United States, who control nearly the whole catch. If Canada is to have no fish, it is hardly worth while spending so much public money for the benefit of American fish dealers and fish eaters." No doubt that is all very true, but what would the Hamilton Spectator say if it understood that the Americans were reaping practically the whole, certainly the main, benefit of the Fraser river salmon fisheries, because the Canadian government will not permit the same methods of catching salmon which are allowed in the American waters through which the salmon pass on their way to their Canadian fishing grounds. Our case is very much worse than that of any other part of Canada, because we have the Canadian government to contend with as well as the piratical tendencies of the American canners. It does not preserve the salmon to permit Americans to capture them. Yet the Canadian government sticks to a theory of salmon preservation, which is either worthless, or if it is worth anything is simply prolonging our fish supply for the ruthless exploitation of American canners.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Sir,—It was with a feeling of pride that I read in one of your recent leaders: "Canadian opinion as the first feeling wells up, is one of ungovernable rage." All honor to Mr. Aylesworth and Sir Louis Jette for the stand they have taken. Pity that the venerable chairman of commissioners did not adopt British, not to say, Canadian views; pity that he was not better possessed of the merits of the case, simple as it is the crucial point, the boundary.

Shall not exceed ten marine leagues from the ocean.

Is the ocean the main body of water, or is it all the nooks and corners of the inlets running between these large islands, Prince of Wales, Baronofsky, etc., and the mainland? Prince of Wales Island was given wholly to the Russians because it exceeds ten marine leagues in width.

Pity that the chairman designed imaginary mountain chains,, query, to conciliate opponents? And why? Have we offended them and ask for pardon?. I ask, as the man said of posterity, what have they done for us? Do they participate in the gush displayed towards them by the English? Do we truckle to any other nation? In the early days of Boer contention, did we or did we not, mobolize in five days the Channel fleet at the German Emperor's message to President Kruger? Did we so deal with France at Fashoda? Do we bow to Russia? But honor, justice and manhood seem to forsake us in presence of our cousins. That thread-bare matter of Anglo-Saxon lineage would stand us in better stead if we showed a little more backbone. Why not display a little feeling towards our own near and loyal kindred, the Canadians, who so staunchly stood by us in South Africa, and with the other colonies, brought out so strongly the brotherhood of the Empire? Whath have we done for Canada, outside of general protection? We shut out their cattle. That enlightened man, the late Chancellor of Exchequer, as ignorant as pusillanimous, took off the few cents duty on foreign wheat to placate the Americans!

The same feeling has been displayed in Victoria, when we sent our militia to ornament their 4th July celebration. "Oh, we must conciliate those fellows over there," said one officer, after their continuous unneighborly conduct in Klondike matters. Are the States the minotaur designed to rend and swallow us? I am an Englisman, born of English parents, in a British possession. I very much admire the Americans for their acuteness, inventiveness (is that right) and untiring go-aheadativeness. But I shiver at the crass ignorance and want of patriotism displayed by some of our governing departments. Why should not one of the qualifications for office be a tour by pre-destined ministers through the breadth of the Empire to gain information?

I conclude as I began.

All honor to Mr. Aylesworth and Sir Louis Jette for the manly stand they have taken which all here will uphold with both hands. Small benefit, judging by comments in the English papers, has resulted from their travel here, of representative British papers. But I must conclude.

E. M.

Victoria, Oct. 22, 1903.

HIS WORSHIP AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Sir,—His Worship the Mayor, in speaking at the Forester's banquet on Tuesday last, after congratulating the city upon the efficiency of its health department, is reported to have said: "The isolation hospital alone costs the city more than four times that spent similarly in any other city of Canada."

Of course, it is very gratifying to parents whose little ones may be so unfortunate as to contract those infectious diseases peculiar to children to know that they are well cared for, fed, and tended during their occupancy of the isolation hospital, but surely the necessity for this large expenditure, in which his Worship apparently takes such pride, is the strongest evidence of the inefficiency of the very department of which he speaks in such fulsome praise. The efforts of the Board of Health (which by the way, consists of the Mayor and Aldermen) should be directed towards the discovery and removal of the cause of the frequent outbreak of disease rendering necessary the maintenance of the hospital, but alas! The Board is so inflated with admiration for that laudable institution called the Isolation Hospital that it has no time to devote towards a policy of "prevention." Why are the innumerable old box drains, many of them long ago disused, not taken up and their place thoroughly disinfected?

The sanitary inspector has, I believe, frequently complained that cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria can be traced to the presence of these old drains. Then again, are the sewers properly and systematically flushed? I believe not. Why is an example not made of those who deliberately conceal cases of infectious disease amongst their children?

I would urgently commend to his Worship the adoption of a policy of "prevention," and not until he can frankly say to the citizens of our city, "The necessity for such lavish expenditure in the maintenance of the isolation hospital no longer exists," will the public accord any measure of praise to the health department and its officers.

CITIZEN.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY DECISION.

Sir,—I read with much interest the admirable article published in the News-Advertiser on Sunday morning last in regard to the decision of the Alaskan Boundary Commissioners, in which, with the information at hand, you very properly cautioned your readers against flying off the handle and assuming for a moment that the decision was other than a purely judicial one.

The news in this morning's paper, particularly the comments of the Toronto and Montreal journals, published in the News-Advertiser, seemed to indicate that the journalistic views of the Eastern Canada (and even some of the English) papers lean to the idea that, instead of being purely judicial, the "decision" is merely a diplomatic concession to the United States. However, I think with you, Sir, that this is a time for the exercise by Canadians of great caution and self-control, and let us continue to hope that when the full text of the decision, together with the reasons for judgment of Lord Alverstone, the Chief Justice of England, reach us, that we Canadians can be satisfied that our interests have not been sacrificed by Great Britain, but that Lord Alverstone was influenced by the purest and most impartial judicial considerations only.

If Canadians are satisfied that Lord Alverstone only conceded the demands of the United States because he was forced to do so, however much against his inclinations and will, by his judicial conscience, then they can accept the decision, if not with pleasure, at least with equanimity. On the other hand, if when Sir Louis Jette, Mr. A. B. Aylesworth and Mr. Christopher Robinson return from London, they should in any way confirm the suspicion that Canada's interests have been sacrificed for the ends of British diplomacy, I do not think it is too much to say that we shall be at one of the gravest crisis in the history of the relations of Great Britain to her Colonies.

In the meantime, I repeat, that this is a time for all of us to keep cool and dispassionate until we have all the facts before us. We Canadians, at any rate, are waiting with intense eagerness the report that will be made by the Canadian Commissioners and Counsel. They are all men of such high standing, personal integrity and good judgment that whatever they may report in regard to Lord Alverstone's attitude and decision in this matter, will be unhesitatingly accepted from Nova Scotia to the Yukon. We can only hope that their report will put Lord Alverstone in a better light than the tenor of recent despatches would seem to indicate that he is regarded in Eastern Canada. Yours faithfully,

C. C. McCAUL.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 20th, 1903.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

John H. Gray, of Victoria, left Kaslo on Monday for the Upper Duncan with a gang of men to begin active operations in the construction of the mono-railway projected about a year ago by Minneapolis and New York capitalists. Mr. Gray will employ about twenty men in taking levels, laying out the line and locating the track. This force will be increased as the work progresses and Mr. Gray states that other enterprises contingent upon the building of this line will be immediately opened up and exploited. Many who are interested and prospective investors have been waiting for the beginning of work on this line before taking up active operations on their various undertakings.—Kaslo Kootenaian.

Two hundred and fifty-nine head of the Alkali Lake standard of beef cattle, from the Bowe & Kirkpatrick and Menson ranches passed through Ashcroft this week. They were purchased by the Western Canadian Ranching Co. and will be wintered at the Perry ranch. No better cattle are raised in British Columbia than come from this section.—Ashcroft Journal.

There arrived at Golden last week from Toronto, the first installment of frames of photographs gotten up by the Rev. C. F. Yates for the Golden Board of Trade, and to be placed at advantageous points to catch the eye and attract the attention of tourists and others to this section of country. The three large frames already to hand have been placed for a few days on exhibition in Golden before being forwarded to the traveling centres. They are certainly the finest display of river scenery ever put on exhibition by Mr. Yates, whose photographs have already been the subject of such favorable comment from visitors and travelers over the river route. Each frame bears the title, "Golden to Windermere."—Wilmer Outcrop.

No clue has been secured to the identity of the party or parties who started the Thanksgiving fires. The police assert that the task is extremely difficult, but every effort will be made to secure the right parties. Nothing has cropped up which would shed any light on the remarkable nature of the incident, or to explain why the deed was done at all, why the fire bug selected two points so near the fire hall, or, indeed, to dispel the mystery hanging over the whole matter.—Rossland Miner.

Within the next few weeks the proposed change in connection with the route from the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Revelstoke into the Kootenays will be affected. The result of this change will be the lower Arrow Lake steamship service will be abandoned for winter and passenger traffic will be handled from Arrowhead to Nakusp, thence by the Nakusp & Slocan railway to Rosebery, thence by steamer to Slocan City, and thence to Junction via Slocan Branch.—Kamloops Sentinel.

THE FREE TRADE PARROT.

This is the way the London Express hits off the attitude of the Free Traders in the British fiscal controversy:

Where the Cobden club relaxes into grief
at "stomach taxes,"
A parrot perches daily just above the
entrance door,
He doesn't mind what's said to him, or
sung to him, or read to him,
For he can answer nothing but: "Your
food will cost you more."

He's a bird of solid tissue and he meets
each fiscal issue
With the tiring repetition of a venerable
bore,
He never says "Explain to me," or "Just
repeat the same to me,"
He simply ends discussion with: "Your
food will cost you more."

When you show him that a duty is a thing
of perfect beauty,
That it sets the mills a-buzzing with an
ever-growing roar,
That our wages will be rising to an altitude surprising,
He offers the suggestion that: "Your
food will cost you more."

To the promise "Joe" is giving—that the
cost of daily living
No farthing will be higher than it ever
was before—
He replies by calmly closing both his eyes,
as if in dozing,
And repeating quite distinctly that:
"Your food will cost you more."

When you prove that separation would
destroy the empire's station,
That the colonies are asking what their
Mother can't ignore,
That they'll buy the things we're making
while their crops at home we're
taking,
He remarks without a tremor that: "Your
food will cost you more."

With a parrot thus repeating an invariable
greeting,
The arguments are wasted that upon his
head you pour,
When you cry, "Oh, Free Food mummy!—
can't you once forget your tummy?"
He's safe to say in answer that: "Your
food will cost you more."

MEN AND THINGS.

General Charles F. Manderson of Omaha, former United States senator from Nebraska, will be the leading speaker at the dedication of the Ohio monument on the Missionary Ridge battlefield, October 21.

Wisconsin now has two admirals in the United States navy. The newest one is William Henry Whitting, whose home was once in Janesville, Wis. The other is Admiral Cotton, now commanding the European squadron and a native of Milwaukee.

Mrs. Parker (or "Mother Parker," as she is called), who has labored for 34 years under the American board in the Hawaiian Islands, is now in her ninety-eighth year, and is able to receive her guests at her home in Gilbertina, in Monoa valley.

Lord Dunraven, who contested for the America cup before Sir Thomas Lipton's advent as a yachtsman, has become president of the Constitutional club of London, the largest organization of its class in the world. The membership is now 6,500, and the clubhouses—there are a number of them—are the largest and among the most elegant in England.

The last of Wellington's aides de camp passed away when the Duke of Richmond died recently. He had the unique distinction of being a Duke four times over, having the strawberry leaves of Richmond in England, Lennox in Scotland, Gordon in the United Kingdom, and d'Aubigny in France.

RISIBILITIES.

Van Quizz—I hear that De Broune has sent his wife to Europe.

Fitz Bile—Yes. She wouldn't go further.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Yabsley—I have always had an idea that after a couple had been married for some time, even their thoughts became, to a great degree, identical. Am I right, Peck?

Mr. N. Peck—You are. About this time my wife is thinking over what she'll say to me for coming home so late. And so am I.—The New Yorker.

October will please remember that it has a reputation to live up to.—Indianapolis News.

"Prisoner, have you anything to say in your own behalf?"

"Well, judge, it's like dis. Dat lawyer o' mine he got me so mis'bly confusticated dat I really dunno what I done nor what I done it for." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Well," said the boarder who was fond of quoting things, "opportunities knocks once at every man's door."

"Huh!" snorted Slopay, "an opportunity to may my board bill knocked at my door four times today!"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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Local News

New Notary.—By a notice appearing in the current issue of the Provincial Gazette, R. A. C. Grant, of Victoria, has been appointed a notary public.

Promotion.—Edward Earl, who for five years occupied the position of head carpenter in the navy yard, has retired from service with a promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

Law Exams.—P. S. Lampman, secretary of the Law Society, gives notice that there have been changes made in the subjects of the preliminary examination, and that the list of subjects may be obtained from him.

Getting Interested.—Many local orchardists and horticulturists have signified their intention of taking full advantage of the agricultural department's free information regarding spraying, pruning and selection.

Won Special Prize.—With a score of 47, Bandsman H. C. Nicking is the winner of Mrs. J. A. Hall's special prize of five dollars, which was offered to the recruit making the highest score in the Thanksgiving shoot.

Another Residence.—Work is to commence at once on the construction of a fine residence facing Mount Baker avenue for A. T. Goward. F. M. Rattenbury is architect for the building, the contract for which has been let to Thomas Caterall.

Again the Fog.—Last evening a slight change in the wind fetched up from the Straits a chill white fog, which filled the streets thickly and spoiled what was going to be a very fine autumn evening. On the Straits it was dense and somewhat hindered navigation.

Coast Survey.—The survey ship Egeria, which is now working around Queen Charlotte Islands, is expected at Comox on the 29th. She will then renew provisions and return again to her work of surveying the northern coast.

Single Tax.—The single tax question, which occupied much attention a number of years ago is to be revived again this winter. The Single Tax Association is to hold a meeting in Labor Hall this evening.

Died in Seattle.—Thomas J. Ritchie, of New Westminster, died at 2918 First avenue yesterday morning of pneumonia, says the P.-I. He was 53 years of age, and arrived in the city a few days ago and registered at the Stevens. Afterwards, when he was taken sick, he was moved to where he died. His brother-in-law will arrive in the city tomorrow from New Westminster.

Farmers' Meetings.—Yesterday evening H. Glendinning, the judge sent West by the Dominion government to participate in the provincial fall fairs, gave an address in West Sooke hall. This evening he will speak at Colwood, and on Saturday at Sidney, when the subject will be, "Cultivation of the Land and Rotation of Crops." Mr. Anderson, of the department of agriculture, will also address this meeting.

Bridge Improvements.—The barricades were taken down on James Bay bridge yesterday and the street cars had free access. At the north end of the bridge the ground is being levelled up by means of the plough; the spot upon which Dan McIntosh's palatial residence stood for so many years, braving the weather and the aroma from the flats, now resembles a ploughed field. Tons of good dry earth are daily going into the filling.

Brown Jug Corner.—The piece of property on which stands what is known as the Brown Jug saloon, corner of Fort and Government streets, yesterday morning passed into the possession of Messrs. Geo. Meldram and Harry Maloney, proprietors of the Brown Jug. The property takes up the frontage on Government street as far as Challoner & Mitchell's, and includes the premises occupied by A. A. Clayton, the jeweler, on Fort street. The purchasers have had an option on it ever since they took over the Brown Jug business about two years ago. The corner is one of the finest in the city, and quite a number have been after it.

Important Motion.—An important motion will be moved by Ald. Vincent at Monday evening's meeting of the City Council. It is as follows: "That the City Council do take action to enforce the obligation of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company, contained in the purchase agreement of the 7th of July, 1892, to continuously maintain the said railway so long as the bonds guaranteed by the city and the government remain unredeemed; and the other obligation of the company contained in this agreement, and further that the council invoke the co-operation and assistance of the government as joint guarantors in enforcing the said agreement."

Goes to Portland.—E. R. Stephen, ticket clerk in the local office of the Great Northern Railway Company, has been appointed to the position of assistant ticket agent at Portland, to succeed Mr. Taylor. Additional changes announced by A. B. Dennison, general western passenger agent of the road, are as follows: Henry Huggins, traveling passenger agent for California territory, resignation accepted to take effect October 1st. J. W. Phalon, traveling passenger agent for Portland territory, transferred to the San Francisco office to succeed Mr. Huggins; transfer to take effect November 1st. While no definite decision to that effect has been reached, it is possible that a man from the Seattle office will be transferred to Portland to take the place of Mr. Phelon as soon as the fall rush at the Seattle office is over. J. Sherman Taylor, assistant ticket agent at Portland, resignation accepted, to take effect November 1st.

Ladysmith Recorder.—Says the Nanaimo Herald: "A. C. Thompson, proprietor of the Ladysmith Recorder, has taken over the old Leader plant under lease from the E. & N. Railway Co. The Recorder will in future be issued in Ladysmith."

Sale at Work Point.—Col. Grant has given Auctioneer Hardaker instructions to sell at his quarters, Work Point Barracks, today the whole of his valuable furniture and household effects. The various articles offered are high-class and no doubt a large crowd of eager buyers will be in attendance.

British Columbia Medical Council.—Next Thursday evening the regular meeting of the British Columbia Medical Council will be held at the office of the provincial medical officer, Dr. Fagan, Government buildings. The examinations for certificates begins next Monday morning.

Stereopticon Lecture.—Mr. Ritchie gave one of his highly interesting and instructive stereopticon lectures in the Methodist church at Spring Ridge on Wednesday evening. It was given under the auspices of the literary department of the league. The entertainment was much appreciated by a large audience.

Foresters' Officers.—Following are the new officers of the A. O. F., Columbia district: J. D. Pearson, P. D. C. R., Vancouver; A. Forrester, D. C. R., Nanaimo; F. W. McIntosh, D. S. C. R., New Westminster; S. A. Bantly, D. treasurer, Victoria; F. P. Watson, D. secretary, Victoria; E. J. Salmon, Wm. McKay and W. J. Gower, district trustees, Victoria.

Local Apple Export.—Large consignments of choice Victoria district apples continue to go forward to the Northwest Territories, where they are meeting with a steadily increasing demand and are held in higher estimation than any other imported apple. Messrs. Stewart & Co., of Yates street, have opened up a market for the British Columbia fruit grower that promises wonderful developments.

New Targets.—The local militia department has received from Ottawa seven new targets for gallery ammunition practice in the drill hall. Practice will be commenced this day week, and the men who take part will be allowed ten rounds each. Their score sheets will be put on record. Several of the older shots of the regiment will be on hand to instruct the younger members in adjusting sights, etc.

A Public Ball.—A meeting of Mayor McCandless and prominent citizens was held last night to consider arrangements for a ball to be given by citizens in honor of Rear Admiral Bickford and officers of the fleet of His Majesty at Esquimalt. Rear Admiral Bickford and staff propose to give a farewell ball on November 18th and it has not yet been decided on what date the citizens' ball will be tendered to the admiral and officers.

Wedded at Parsonage.—At the residence of the officiating minister the Rev. D. MacRae, on Tuesday evening last, the marriage of Mr. James Henry Dickson and Miss Hannah Jessie McDonald took place. The groom was supported by Mr. George Kerr, while Miss R. E. Emery performed a like service for the bride, Miss Beatrice Williscroft acting as maid of honor. After a honeymoon trip to the mainland, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson will make their home in Victoria West.

Veteran's Banquet.—The Vancouver Island Veteran Association have made arrangements with the Royal Cafe Hotel, Fort street, to provide their third annual dinner, on Monday evening, November 9th next. This being King Edward VII.'s birthday and always commemorated by the veteran organizations throughout Canada, a full meeting of the above association is anticipated. Friends outside of the association in sympathy are invited to secure tickets early, the number to be given out being limited.

Benefit Concert.—A crowded house should greet those who are giving the benefit concert at the Victoria Theatre tomorrow on behalf of W. J. Harris. The committee having the preparations in hand is composed of Conductor Emil Pferdner, Bandmaster J. M. Finn, Bandmaster J. F. Rausch, F. Sampson, F. Shepherd, T. F. Gold, J. C. North, A. E. Greenwood and J. McSweeney, have every reason to feel gratified. As the sale of tickets is even greater than anticipated, those who desire reserve seats should be prompt in securing them.

Passenger Agents.—Victoria will probably be visited next year by the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents. Seattle is endeavoring to get the convention of the body for that city. The Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents agreed to work to bring the 1904 convention to Portland, but that it was proposed to arrange excursion parties to near-by points of interest. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company agreed to place one of its steamers at the disposal of the traveling passenger agents for a trip from Seattle to Victoria and Vancouver. This trip will occupy thirty-six hours' time, leaving about twelve hours at the disposal of the traveling passenger agents in Seattle.

Methodist Missions.—On Sunday next there will be special services in aid of Methodist missions as follows: Strawberry Vale, 11 a.m.; South Saanich, 3 p.m.; Sidney, 7 p.m. These meetings will be addressed by J. McLeod, R. N., of Esquimalt, on "Methodism and Its Work." A thank offering will be taken up in aid of the Wesley bi-centenary fund of $250,000, which Methodists throughout the Dominion are aiming at raising. The objects of the fund are: To pay off indebtedness on mission premises at home and abroad, to save interest on borrowed money and to aid in maintaining existing missions and meeting the demands for the expansion of the work at home and abroad.

Literary Social.—The board of management of the Metropolitan Sunday school is arranging to give a first-class literary and musical entertainment in the school room of the church on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 8 p. m. The Sunday school orchestra, under the able leadership of Mr. A. Parfitt, will render several selections during the evening, and among those who will contribute vocal and elocutionary selections will be Mrs. Staneland, Miss Underhill, Rev. C. F. Connor and J. G. Brown. This annual entertainment given by the school is looked forward to with keen interest by all who have been able to attend those given in former years, and by all appearances the board of management feel justified in announcing that the concert to be given this year will surpass all former efforts. There will be no admission fee charged.

Suggested Tour.—Officials of the Tourist Association are watching with keen interest a movement which has been started to bring the leading newspaper writers of the United States to the Coast. It is proposed that a special train be provided which would leave St. Louis on July 1st, and return sixty or ninety days later. Included in the proposed itinerary of the newspaper excursion party would be trips to Pike's peak, Yellowstone park, the Yosemite valley, Southern California, the Grand Canyon in Colorado, Portland and Puget Sound. A corps of expert photographers and stenographers would accompany the party to give the writers all the facilities they desire to handle their "copy." The plan contemplates the gathering of the brightest newspaper descriptive writers in the United States and the making of arrangements with the most prominent magazines, newspapers and other publications for a series of illustrated articles.

Douglas Street Sewer System

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Few of the citizens have any idea of the magnitude of the task which has been undertaken in laying the sewerage system along Douglas street, unless they have paused in passing to inspect the work going on there. A great section of the line runs through solid and particularly stubborn rock at a considerable depth below the surface. Consequently the aid of the drill gangs and of high explosives has had to be requisitioned, and the process is a slow and laborious one. The centre of operations at present is at the foot of Hillside avenue, where it joins Douglas street, and the work of boring and blasting has been going on steadily for some weeks back.

Close to the fountain a blacksmith shop has been erected for the purpose of sharpening and tempering the drills and other instruments employed on the work, which goes on night and day. The majority of the blasts are fired at night, and are sometimes severe enough to shake up the neighboring houses. As a rule, however, the detonations are muffled and subdued, especially those that are fired in the tunnels. The amount of rock brought down at each shot is not much, hence the progress is necessarily slow.

It is fortunate that the weather has been dry for so long a period, as this undoubtedly facilitates the work and adds considerably to the comfort of the workmen. This class of work is, of course, very expensive and involves a very serious outlay, but the end justifies the means, and the important Douglas street residential district will before long enjoy the boon of a modern sewerage system. It is because of the closeness of the bedrock to the surface in Victoria that municipal undertakings of the foregoing kind cannot be undertaken in anything like a spirit of mere experiment, and it is for that reason, also, that Victoria's sewerage, water and other public services are so much more costly than those of cities which are not founded upon so solid a foundation.

The making of the house connections with the Douglas street main sewer will be no light undertaking.

ANN'S AGE.

Puzzle Problem Which Has Set All America A-Guessing.

The periodical puzzle problem has made its appearance and everybody is trying to figure it out. The problem reads:

"Mary is 24 years old and is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. How old is Ann?"

One of the most interesting solutions which has been offered is the following:

"As usual, let x equal the unknown quantity; then x equals Ann's present age and incidentally Mary's former age; also 24 equals Mary's present age. It is stated that Mary is now twice as old as Ann was at the time mentioned. Then one-half of 24, or 12, equals Ann's previous age. Now the difference between Mary's present age and her former age equals the difference between Ann's present and former age, or—

"24 minus x, equals x minus 12.

"Transposing:

"2 x equals 36; x equals 18, Ann's present age, or Mary's former age."

HAPPENINGS IN POLICE CIRCLES

The Bold Bad Frenchman Who Pirated a Fishing Sloop.

Mr. Lindal is a Frenchman. He was a pirate—and now he is a prisoner. For eight months he will toil with his hands behind the bars of the local bastile, and all because he became a pirate.

Yea, by Hector and by Gumme, he was in very sooth a latter-day Sir Harry Morgan, for he found, not a galleon, but a double-ended sloop—the property of William Morry—at Oak Bay, and, hoisting the mainsail, he started for the land of the free and the home of the brave.

There he met the city marshal of Port Townsend, who asked him if he had stolen the boat.

"Mais qui, jai prenez le batteau pour faire le tour au terre du bonne Dieu, ce tout," said Mr. Lindal.

"Qui done? Nika halo cumtux Sprechten en Deitch," replied the marshal, and then he notified the Victoria police.

Detective Palmer went over with Mr. Morry. Mr. Morry, on arrival, said, "That's my boat." Mr. Palmer said, "And that's my prisoner."

The detective brought back the Frenchman. Mr. Morry brought back the sloop.

Mr. Lindal's long suit is to perform a role entitled the crazy man, although he occasionally does stunts as a bad man.

Not many days ago he loaded himself up with a long butcher knife, and a bunch of excitement, and appeared at a bakery in Port Townsend.

"I want a loaf of bread," he said. "Sacre bleu, jai demandez du pain—donnez moi du pain."

He got it—but when the baker asked for the nickel he became offended.

"Payez? Pourquois?" said he, and he drew the knife and started to make that bakery into a rough house.

For this he was arrested by the Port Townsend authorities and sentenced to come to Victoria on the steamer Clallam. He did so, and after spending a day here stole Mr. Morry's sloop and started back.

Then the marshal wired the Victoria police and asked if they wanted him. They said they did—if he would come without extradition.

The marshal answered that he would come—but forgot to mention that he had been engaged in an effort to break into jail there, so that he might be assured of three squares every time the sun did its daily stunt, at the expense of the government.

Detective Palmer brought him, and when he appeared before the police magistrate in the provincial police court he lost no time in saying "Guilty."

"Eight months," said the court.

Monsieur Lindal has had a checkered career, having many times been hauled to the bastile in Tacoma, and has served time on McNeill's Island.

Invalided Home.—By the Charmer sailing this morning for Vancouver there departed en route home to England from the naval station at Esquimalt nine men. They will travel via the C. P. R. The number includes seven invalids.

Interesting Lecture.—An interesting stereopticon lecture was given last night by Capt. Ritchie at the Salvation Army barracks, when a wide variety of pictures of the scenery of the continent, including pictures taken in the Canadian Rockies, the Yellowstone, and other picturesque parts of North America were shown. Songs were interspersed and at the close of the entertainment refreshments were served to those present.

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Rear-Admiral Bickford, commanding the naval force at Esquimalt, is to leave for England during the coming month, and before leaving he and the officers of the Esquimalt squadron intend giving a ball to the friends of the navy in Victoria. Arrangements are being made to hold the ball on the 18th of November, and it is not improbable that a return ball will be given by the citizens of Victoria to the admiral and the navy.

It is reported at Esquimalt that the officers and men of the Royal Marine Artillery, now garrisoned here, will be sent home in December, and their place filled with Royal Marine Light Infantry. No. 19 company of the Royal Garrison Artillery at Work Point, are to be moved to Hongkong, as has been stated, in December.

H. M. S. Egeria, which is engaged in survey work in northern waters, and which was last reported at Alert Bay, whither she had returned for mails and provisions, is to return to Comox about the end of the month. She will refit and renew her provisions and then return North to resume her survey work.

Edward Earl, for the last five years carpenter at the naval yard, has retired from the service with a promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

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Smith & Champion, upholsterers, 100 Douglas street, have been running overtime all this week, and their sale, extensively advertised in these columns has proved a bona fide success. The stock offered includes upholstered couches made by the firm's workmen, lounges, easy chairs and rockers, iron bedsteads, spring mattresses, pillows, blinds and cornice poles. The sale is a genuine one, every article has been reduced in price, and those requiring goods of this kind will doubtless avail themselves of a good chance such as is now offered.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 14—The petitions against the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme were brought most prominently to the fore this week, through what is acknowledged on both sides of the House to have been a remarkable blunder on the part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. For some days past obscure back-benchers behind the Treasury benches have been offering insults to the 50,000 electors who have protested against the government going ahead with the new trans-continental railway until a sufficient amount of information to justify its construction has been secured. On Friday Mr. Marcil, of Bagot, declared that certain constituents of his had intimated that they had not signed petitions bearing their names. On Wednesday Mr. Talbot, of Bellechasse, went further than his fellow-member and declared that two petitions from the constituency of Montmagny were fraudulent. Mr. Talbot spent considerable time with Sir Wilfrid Laurier every day this week and there can be no doubt as to the person who inspired the attack on the electors. Mr. Talbot was simply acting under the direction of some of his leaders, and he led them into a situation from which they will find it hard to extricate themselves even with small glory.

Considering that the Prime Minister has endeavored to impress on the country the insignificance of the hundreds of petitions presented to the Commons and Senate it is hard to understand why he should go out of his way to declare that 50,000 people in Canada were forgers and frauds. However, that seems to be a weakness with the present administration because it is only a matter of a year or so ago that Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Sydney Fisher denounced some 4,000 census employees who were engaged in the enumeration of 1891 as frauds and perjurers. Things have come to a pretty pass in this country when a man who presumes to hold views opposed to the Liberal party leaves himself open to the sweeping condemnation of the autocrats who now fill cabinet positions. The government must prove their case or apologize to thousands they have insulated and the opposition proposes to stay with the matter until the integrity of every man whose name appears on the hundreds of petitions now in the possession of the officials of the Commons is vindicated.

Mr. Talbot evidently fails to appreciate the jealous care with which the ordinary elector guards his good name. If he did he certainly would not have attempted to blacken the character of some 50,000 people, Liberals as well as Conservatives, because in one riding in Quebec it is alleged that some eight voters had not signed a petition which bore their names. Such tactics may appear proper from the standpoint of a man like Mr. Talbot but the respectable element in Canadian politics will not stand for such a broad charge being made on such palpably insufficient evidence. The member for Bellechasse intended to have the two petitions from Montmagny investigated and in case fraud was shown in connection with them he and his associates would be in a position to condemn every other protest that has been made in the Cox deal. It was an ill-considered plot at best and the opposition, by demanding full enquiry into the whole matter, have shown that they possess a far broader grasp of great public issues than the party in power.

Mr. R. L. Borden promptly met Mr. Talbot's onslaught on the people by assuring the Prime Minister that the opposition were quite as much opposed to bogus petitions as were the government. The leader of the opposition considers that in such matters fair play should be the guiding principle. If forgery has been committed he is anxious that it should be exposed and the guilty persons punished but he does not propose to allow Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Talbot to insult 50,000 people simply because there may have been one or two irregularities in connection with the forwarding of the protests against the government's railway policy. He is above viewing the matter from a purely political standpoint and sees in the action of the Prime Minister an attempt to bring disgrace upon thousands of innocent persons.

The government have slight ground for making general charges against the large section of the Canadian electors. Their accusations are based entirely upon the supposition that the Montreal Star is at the bottom of the petitions against the G.T.P. deal. That such is the case is not supported by direct evidence. The Star has editorially repudiated all responsibility for the protests which have been placed before parliament. It is true that the management of the Star considered the protest of 50,000 electors of sufficient importance to merit more than passing notice. The news columns of the paper contained extended accounts of the petitions but apart from that the Star did not constitute itself the official announcer in behalf of those who believe that the government's policy is wrong. The facts are that the petitions which were generally circulated throughout the country were not printed in the Montreal Star—some of them were struck off in the West and some in the East. Admitting for the sake of argument that they were printed in the Star office, that fact could not materially affect their worth as a demurrer to the Laurier-Cox scheme. It has been convenient for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers to make an effort to diminish the importance of the opposition to the government programme by introducing the Star into the question. But the independent element in Canadian politics will hardly consider this a matter of grave moment in connection with an expenditure of $100,000,000.

It is hardly conceivable that Sir Wilfrid Laurier fully realized the gravity of the proposal he has made to refer certileges and elections for investigation. Having called into question the signatures from 50,000 electors he must be prepared to face a thorough enquiry into the signatures, or admit their genuineness, as a whole. If parliament enters upon the work of ascertaining whether or not the persons whose names appear in the petitions placed them there themselves or authorized them to be laid before parliament months will be consumed in the task. Parliament, which was expected to prorogue by the middle of the month, will be sitting at Christmas and the members will hardly have returned home before they are again called to enter upon another session. The opposition are determined to stay at Ottawa for any length of time that may be necessary to test the accuracy of the Prime Minister's accusations and the only thing for Sir Wilfrid to do is to crawl or face a full enquiry.

Then there is the question of the cost of an investigation such as would be involved in the submission to the committee on privileges and elections a question of such vast importance. Witnesses will have to be brought from the Maritime provinces, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. Their railway expenses will necessitate an outlay of thousands of dollars while the witness fees and living expenses will send the outlay up into hundreds of thousands. Yet the only proper thing to do under the circumstances is to give every elector, whose honor has been questioned, an opportunity to prove that he is not a forger and a fraud. Such an investigation would not result in a waste of time and money. It would teach a lesson to future governments in Canada which would not be quickly forgotten. It would show Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates that they are not free to make wild charges against thousands of Canadians without being held responsible for their utterances.

Of course the government can birk the enquiry. It can refuse to call meetings of the committee on elections and privileges or it can appoint a chairman who will be conveniently absent every day for which the committee is summoned. When the ballot-box stuffing investigation in West Huron and Brockville was held Liberal members found it convenient to absent themselves from the meetings in order to prevent the possibility of securing a quorum. However, this line of action will not deceive the Canadian electorate and if Sir Wilfrid wishes to preserve his dignity as the First Minister in this country he will hesitate before adopting any such course.

One of the bad features of the whole situation is that the petitions complained of had been allowed to pass out of the hands of the officials entrusted with their care. Mr. Talbot, the member who threw the first stone, has been carrying around the Montmagny petitions for some days and it would be the easiest thing in the world to insert names in one or both. When it came out in the Commons that the official documents were handled in this careless manner, Mr. Gourley suggested that the officer responsible for them should be instantly dismissed. Of course the government would not consider such a proposition for a minute. However, the situation is this, that if the investigation is held any petition which has been allowed to fall into irresponsible hands will be worthless in determining whether or not frauds have been practised in connection with the attack on the Grand Trunk Pacific deal. Mr. Talbot had no right to have these petitions in his possession for days at a time, and the very fact that he had at once casts discredit on the attack made by himself and his leader on such a large number of electors.

If the investigation is held it will be probably the most remarkable enquiry ever held in this country. Witnesses aggregating almost the entire population of Ottawa will be brought to the capital to answer yes or no to the question: "Did you sign the petition?" The work in the House of Commons and the Senate will practically cease and the labor of the members will be entirely centred in the committee. It is apparent that Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not anticipate the consent of the opposition to an investigation on the lines laid down by the leader of the opposition. He expected a meek and mild protest but he bargained badly in this. The Conservative party would be indeed derelict in its duty if it refused to resent such an insult to those who believe that the government has inaugurated a policy which will prove disastrous to the country. Let Sir Wilfrid hurry along his enquiry or tender those whom he has slandered that apology to which they are fairly entitled.

The main estimates for 1903-04 have bene disposed of, and yesterday great in inroads were made on the heavy list of supplementaries for public works. The members are now bent on getting home as soon as possible, and October 16 has been fixed as the latest date for prorogation. The opposition intend introducing a few resolutions on important questions, but apart from that nothing but the railway subsidies and supply stand in the way of prorogation of parliament. If the rumor that the government will drop the bill to amend the Audit Act is true. It is said that the Senate intends to take time to deliberate on the national trans-continental railway bill but it is hardly likely that the upper house will stand in the way of prorogation is the Commons is ready to leave.

By Sunday, the 11th inst. (tomorrow) the house will have sat 214 days, so that members who attended every day during the session, less fifteen days leave of absence granted by Statute, will then be entitled to draw $1,498. If the house were to prorogue on the 10th the accountant of the Commons could demand of the members a statement showing the number of days they had been absent from their parliamentary duties and the statutory deducations for absence over the above 15 days could be made. By sitting on the 12th the Commons will exhaust its sessional grant of $1,500. Under the law, as it stands at present, it will then be the privilege of every member to demand his full sessional indemnity even if he has been absent from the house every day during the present session. When the sessional indemnity is exhausted the accountant has no right to insist upon a declaration from a member as to how many days he has been absent, although if the session were to conclude one day before the full parliamentary vote was exhausted he could deduct such amounts from the salaries of members as the law provides. The situation is unprecedented with the exception of 1885 and 1900, when the sessional indemnity was only $1,000. In 1885 parliament sat for 173 days which was the record sitting up to this year. In 1900 the session lasted 168 days, but in both instances an extra grant of $500 was made to re imburse those who had remained in Ottawa for such lengthy periods. The situation is an interesting one, and it shows how impractical some laws on the Statute books may become under certain conditions. A session exceeding the number of days required to take up the full amount of sessional indemnity really places a premium on non-attendance and affords another proof that, under certain conditions, extravagance really resulted in economy.

The government is not improving in its business methods. Challenged to explain item after item in the supplementary estimates for public works, Hon. James Sutherland was seldom clear in his own mind as to what he will do with some millions of dollars when he gets them. The opposition protested vigorously against parliament being compelled to vote public funds for works, an estimate of the cost of which had never been made. In some cases it was doubtful as to whether the vote would be expended in procuring a site for a public building or in constructing the building itself. Another bad feature of the system in vogue is that in cases where the public works department is possessed of sufficient data to enable the minister to say what the cost of a public building would be, the money, instead of being voted in one amount is dribbled along year after year in sums ranging anywhere from $5,000 to $25,000. By doing this the administration is enabled to hold a continuous bribe out to the electors, but the interests which public works are intended to serve are very often neglected for years for political purposes. The opposition calls for a change in this unwarranted method of procedure but the cabinet is bound to play fast and loose with the public funds and so the appeal has fallen on deaf ears.

Another evil which is becoming more apparent each day is the practice of the government in neglecting to call for tenders for supplies where the expenditure of large sums of money is involved. It is true that circulars are sent out to certain party friends inviting them to submit an offer for supplies. In cases where only two or three Liberal firms deal in the particular lines required by the government it is an easy matter to arrange things among themselves so that good prices may be obtained all round. Competition under such circumstances becomes a mere farce and there is not a semblance of ordinary business methods about any of these transactions. In the public works estimates was an item for $63,000 for steel drawers, etc. The government proposes to purchase these from three different concerns and the matter will be arranged, as usual, by circular. It is easy to foresee the result. The three firms, all of whom are staunch supporters of the government, will make handsome margins and at the next election will probably make generous contributions to the Liberal campaign fund.

The opposition have been endeavoring to make the path of the Auditor-General smoother in his dealings with the I. C. R. Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. James Sutherland are very much opposed to the Auditor-General exercising any control over public expenditure further than making an audit of accounts already paid. It was generally supposed that Hon. W. S. Fielding was solely responsible for the present disagreement between the government and the Auditor-General. Hon. James Sutherland, however, is equally determined to destroy the usefulness of an officer who, under this and the two previous governments, saved millions of dollars to the country. Mr. Sutherland's idea of the duties of the Auditor-General, as shown by his own words, is as follows: "It is duty to audit the accounts, but that is a different thing from fixing the value. Each department could not wait to consult the Auditor as to the price or value of goods before making a purchase. It seems impossible to hold the Auditor-General responsible for the conduct of every department. There would not be much use in having any departments at all if he were to be the sole judge as to how, when and at what prices articles are to be purchased. We have a large staff in each department and it is to the judgment of these men that we must look to determine whether the judgments are fair or not. The Auditor-General simply deals with the money part of it."

Notwithstanding the prevalent Grit view against the Auditor-General, who is a real guardian of the public treasury, it was satisfactory to learn yesterday that the government had abandoned its absurd attempt to restrict the powers of this important official. Thereby they have shortened the session by a week.

IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT TRIP

President Drummond of Canadian Manufacturer's Assn. Talks on Return Home.

"The West has been to us a great revelation. We have been thoroughly impressed with its magnificent extent, its beautiful variety of scenery and its wonderful possibilities. Beyond everything else, we have been delighted with the splendid welcome which has been given us at every centre, and the broad Canadian sentiment which exists throughout the West. Too much cannot be said regarding the capability of our Western country. We are amazed at the development which has taken place in farming, ranching, lumbering, mining and fisheries, and as yet we have but touched the fringe of our magnificent resources."

It was in these words that Mr. George E. Drummond, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, yesterday expressed his appreciation of the West on his return from the trip he took to the Pacific Coast, in company with other members of the association.

As far as time would permit, said Mr. Drummond, the party had entered carefully into the consideration of every problem which confronted the Western citizens, and the merchants were one with them for increased and increasing transportation facilities, which the rapid development of the country demanded.

The one condition of affairs that could not be viewed with satisfaction was the large volume of United States goods which are flooding our Western markets under our present tariff, and the large proportion of American coinage everywhere in use throughout the West. In both these features of trade the manufacturers are convinced that Canada is suffering a distinct national loss, and that the existing conditions should be remedied at the earliest possible moment.

"Splendid results," continued Mr. Drummond, "are already apparent from our tour. New branch offices have been opened by many of our members at different centres in the West, and arrangements made in many other cases for permanent representation. We believe, too, that many Western centres offer splendid advantages for manufacturing. We are returning home with the determination to impress upon every Canadian in the East the greatness of our Western country, and to exert our untiring efforts to meet the requirements of the Western markets. As Canadians, we are delighted with the prospect that we will be able to accomplish this. Prominent representative men everywhere assured us of the growing Canadian sentiment, and the desire to encourage home production rather than to continue foreign importation."—Montreal Gazette.

"Two months ago he was worth a million." "In rain checks or street car transfers?" "No, in stocks." "Same thing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Stands Eighth Among Nations

Interesting Statistics Regarding the Mercantile Marine of Canada.

Position of the Dominion From View of Net Ownership of Tonnage.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries has just issued a report giving the list of vessels on the registry books of the Dominion, corrected up to December 31st, 1902. Prior to this year the list has only been published every third year which rendered it of less value to shipping interests than it would have been had it been kept up to date.

The total number of vessels on the Dominion registry on December 31st, 1902, their tonnage, estimated value, etc., with the increase over the previous year is shown as follows:

Total number of vessels, including old and new, sailing ships, steamers and barges and tonnage of same:

Year.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
1900	6,735	650,534
1901	6,792	664,483
1902	6,836	652,613

The increase, therefore, was 57 vessels and 4,949 tons in 1901, and 44 vessels with a decrease of 11,870 tons in 1902.

Year.	Steamers.	Tonnage.
1901	2,177	298,421
1902	2,289	303,353
Increase, 1902	112	4,932

Assuming the average value of the vessels to be $30 per ton, the value of the total registered tonnage of Canada on December 31st, 1901, was $19,934,490, and on December 31st, 1902, $19,678,390, a falling off of some $255,000.

The number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion during the same period was:

Year.	New Vessels.	Tonnage.
1901	335	34,481
1902	316	30,216

Estimating the value of the new tonnage at $45 per registered ton, these figures show that shipping to the value of $2,911,365 has been added to Canada's marine registry during the two years ending December 31st, last.

The new vessels added to the registry in 1902 were built or registered at the following ports:

Province.	Vessels.	Tons.
New Brunswick	23	1,053
Nova Scotia	140	14,827
Quebec	36	1,090
Ontario	60	8,791
Prince Edward Island	8	530
British Columbia	36	2,550
Manitoba	10	137
Yukon District	3	336
Total	316	30,216

The following table is a summary of the vessels, etc., on the registry on December 31st last:

Province.	Total Vessels.	Steamers.	Tonnage.
New Brunswick	917	129	64,605
Nova Scotia	2,037	172	212,967
Quebec	1,288	363	136,660
Ontario	1,699	1,138	156,449
P. E. Island	156	16	13,464
British Columbia	584	359	58,222
Manitoba	139	97	7,536
Yukon District	16	15	2,640
Total	6,836	2,289	652,613

There are 75 ports of registry in the Dominion, of which Quebec and Montreal rank first, the latter having the largest tonnage, 91,347, and Quebec the greatest number of vessels on its registry, 654. Toronto, however, has the largest number of steamers registered, 240, an increase of 20 per cent over the number registered there in 1901.

From the point of view of net ownership of tonnage, Canada stands eighth among the nations of the world. Great Britain, including Canada and the Colonies, leads with 10,475,229 tons; the United States comes second with 2,460,282 tons; Germany, Norway, France, Italy and Russia follow in the order given, and then comes Canada with 652,613 tons.

PERSEVERANCE.

Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, who celebrated his fifty-second birthday on Sunday, is a fine example of what may be done by perseverance. At school, which he left at the early age of thirteen to become a clerk, he worked with dogged energy, devoting all his spare time to reading and the writing of stories, and during his commercial life he still kept up a continuous output of literary matter, although the results were most discouraging. The editors to whom he sent his work were wholly unappreciative, but he was not dismayed even when his three-volume novel, "The Silver King," which was later such a success in dramatized form, was declared by the publisher's reader to be "only a passable third-rate novel."

PRACTICE OF UNDERDRAINING.

To secure satisfactory results careful study should first of all be given to the best manner of laying out a system of drains; the aim being to secure the greatest fall, the least outlay for tile, the least amount of digging, and the most perfect drainage.

Tile.—For underdraining there is nothing better than the ordinary round drain tile. The size to be used can only be decided by a study of the conditions under which the drain is to work. They should be large enough to carry off in twenty-four hours the surplus water from the heaviest rains, but it is important that they should not be too large, as the cost of underdraining is governed largely by the size of the tile used. It may be mentioned that the capacity of round water pipes is in proportion to the squares of their diameters. That is, under the same conditions, two-inch pipe will carry four times as much water, and a three-inch pipe nine times as much water as a one-inch pipe. In fact, the larger pipe will carry even more than this proportion, because of the greater friction in the small pipe. In ordinary cases, five or six inch tile are recommended for the lower part of a main drain, and four-inch for the upper portion; for the branches two and a half to three-inch are preferable.

Depth and Distances Apart.—It is seldom necessary to lay drains more than four feet below the surface, and in most cases two and a half to three and a half feet will be found sufficient. The proper distance between branch drains depends on the quantity of water to be carried off and the nature of the subsoil. In general practice the lines of tile are usually placed from fifty to one hundred feet apart. In a tenacious clay soil, however, thirty feet would not be too close.

Digging the Drain.—The drain may be opened up in the first place by passing three or four times along the same track with an ordinary plow. Then the subsoil may be broken up with a good strong subsoil plow. In this way the earth may be loosened to a depth of two feet or more and thrown out with narrow shovels. The bottom of the drain should be dug with narrow draining spades, made for the purpose. The ditch should be kept straight by means of a line stretched tightly near the ground and about four inches back from the edge. In ordinary cases, the ditch need not be more than a foot wide at the top and four to six inches at the bottom, the width of course increasing in proportion to the depth of the drain and the size of the tile.

Grading.—As a rule, drains should be given as much fall as possible, and the gradient should not be less than two inches in one hundred feet, if this can be secured. Careful leveling is necessary to ensure fall throughout the course of the drain. As a simple method for this purpose, one of our leading authorities recommends the ditcher to use several cross-heads made from strips of one-inch boards, three or four inches wide. The length of the standard varies according to the depth of the drain. A cross-piece about two feet long is nailed on the top of the standard. these cross-heads are then placed along the line of the ditch so that the cross pieces are in line. The proper grade is ascertained by the use of the ordinary spirit level. When ready to lay the tile a standard should be set at the bottom of the drain and marked in line with the tops of the cross-heads; this will, by testing every few feet give a true grade for the tiles.

Laying the Tile.—When the bottom of the drain has been brought to the proper grade and shape, the tile should be laid very carefully to secure perfectly close joints. With the aid of a tile hook they may be placed rapidly and accurately without getting into the ditch. Some prefer to place the tile with the hand, standing in the ditch, and stepping carefully on each tile as laid. In covering it is preferable to put the surface soil next the tiles, for if properly packed it will prevent the subsoil from getting in at the joints. The laying should begin at the outlet of the main drain, and where connection is made with branch lines, enough of the branch should be laid to permit the main to be partly filled in.

Junction and Outlets.—All junctions of branches with the main should be made at an actue angle, or where the fall is sufficient, from about the axis of the main. This is necessary in order to prevent the deposit of silt and the consequent blocking of the tile at the junction. Specially made joint tile may be used, or the connection may be made by cutting a hole in the main tile with a tile pick. The outlet of the drain should be so placed that there will be free flow of water. If protected with masonry and a grating to keep out animals, so much the better. In this country glazed sewer pipe or glazed drain tile may be used to advantage for the last ten or fifteen feet to prevent injury by frost. In closing it may be well to recall the fact that trees should not be allowed to grow near a line of tile, through which water flows during the greater part of the year, as the roots are apt to enter at the joints in search of water, and in course of time clogg the drain. Willow, poplars and elms are particularly objectionable in this respect.

"Now children," said the teacher, "let us see what you remember about the animal kingdom and the domestic animals that belong to it. You have named all the domestic animals but one. Who can tell me what that one is? It has bristly hair, likes dirt, and is fond of getting into the mud." Miss Fanny looked expectantly around the room. "Can't you think, Tommy?" she asked encouragingly. "Yes'm," was the shamefaced reply. "It's me."—Christian Register.

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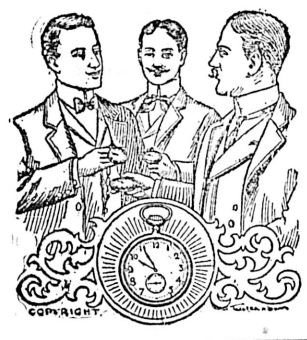
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Oct. 22.—The movement of prices of stocks today was again inconclusive, the net changes being for the most part trivial. Losses predominated at the end of the day, but the market had quite generally advanced in the face of the early unfavorable developments. The suspension of the Alleghany bank, growing out of the failure of yesterday of the Federal National Bank of Pittsburg, caused scarcely a ripple in the market, although the report showed the continued necessity of precautionary measures at Pittsburg, such as refraining from trading in bank stocks and the provision of a two million dollar safety fund amongst the banks. The character of the market seemed to have changed so far that instead of selling stocks on every piece of good news, as has been the case recently, there was a disposition to buy stocks on unfavorable public announcements, thus augmenting the tendency to accumulate stocks. The special demands upon local money supplies by reason of the troubles at Baltimore and Pittsburg, have not affected the ease of the local money market. One reason for the prevailing ease seems to be that the heavy railroad borrowings expected to develop this fall, have not come into evidence. Deposits at the subtreasury today for transfer to New Orleans were $350,000, following the deposit for a similar purpose yesterday of $325,000. This is convincing evidence of a much freer movement of the cotton crop which the very large port receipt of today also testified to. The prospect of a resulting large supply of bills in the exchange market is viewed with satisfaction. The principal factor of the late reaction of the market was the drop of nearly three points in Amalgamated Copper, which absorbed practically all of the attention in the market after the anouncement of thes decisions against it in the Montana litigation. The market closed steady.

The bond market was broad and strong. Total sales of bonds par value were $2,632,000. United States threes and the new fours advanced ¼, and the twos and the old fours ⅛ per cent on the last call.

New York Oct. 22.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	37¾
American Locomotive	14
American Locomotive pfd	74¾
American Sugar	114½
American Smelting & Refining Co.	42¼
American Car & Foundry	21
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	89¼
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd	66⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	74⅛
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	33½
Chicago & Alton	27
Canadian Pacific	119
Chesapeake & Ohio	29¾
Chicago & Northwestern	160½
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	138⅜
Colorado Southern	13
Colorado Fuel & Iron	31
Corn Products	25
Delaware & Hudson	155¼
General Electric	149¼
Jersey Central	159
Kansas & Texas	16½
Louisville & Nashville	100¾
Manhattan Elevated	134
Missouri Pacific	90⅛
Metropolitan Traction	106½
New York Central	117¾
Erie Railway	27¼
Erie Railway 1st pfd	66⅛
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	49⅛
Norfolk & Western	57
Pacific Mail	20½
Pennsylvania Railway	118⅜
Pressed Steel	31½
Pressed Steel pfd	72
People's Gas	93¾
Philadelphia & Reading	45½
Rock Island	25⅛
Southern Railway	18
Southern Railway pfd	74⅛
Southern Pacific	41½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	28¼
Texas & Pacific	22¼
Twin City	84¼
United States Leather	7⅛
United States Leather pfd	76
United States Steel	13⅞
United States Steel pfd	58⅞
Union Pacific	71⅝
Wabash Railway	19
Wabash Railway pfd	31⅛
Western Union Telegraph	81⅝
Wisconsin Central	16⅞
C. P. R. in London	122⅞
Commercial Cable	150

New York, Oct. 22.— Money on call, steady at 2 per cent; lowest, 1¾ per cent; highest, 2½ per cent; ruling rate, 2¼ per cent; last loan, 2¼ per cent; closing bid, 2¼ per cent; offered at 2½ per cent; time money, easy; 60 days, 4 per cent; 90 days, 4½ per cent; six months, 4½ per cent to 4¾ per cent.

New York, Oct. 22.—Prime mercantile paper, 5½ to 5¾ per cent; sterling exchange, firm at $4.85.75 to $4.85 80 for demand, and at $4.82 35 to $4.82.40 for 60 day bills; posted rates $4.83 to $4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82¼; bar silver, 61⅜; Mexican dollars, 46¾; government bonds, strong; railroad bonds, strong.

New York, Oct. 22.—Pig iron, quiet; Southern, $13 to $15.25; copper, dull; lead, firm; spelter, quiet.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, Oct., 80¾; Dec., 79½ to 79⅝; old, 79¾; May, 78½ to 78⅝; July, 74⅝. Corn, Oct., 33¾; Dec., 44; May, 42¾ to 42⅞; July, 43¼. Oats, Oct., 35⅝; Dec., 35⅝; May, 36½.

London, Oct. 22.—Lead, £11 2s 6. Consols for money, 88 7-16; Consols for account, 88 7-16.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

(By F. W. Stevenson.)

Chicago, Oct. 22.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	80¼	80¼	79⅞	79⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	44	44¼	43¾	44
Liverpool Wheat—				
Dec.	6s. 5⅝			6s. 5⅝d.

Car receipts of wheat, Minneapolis, 373; Duluth, 142; Chicago, 51.

New York Oct. 22.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	38⅛	38½	36	36⅛
C. F. & I.	32	..	..	31
Leather	7⅛	7⅛	7	7⅛
People's Gas	93⅝	95	93¾	94
Sugar	115¼	116	114½	114¼
U. S. Steel	13¾	14⅛	13¾	13⅞
Atchison	66	66¾	66	66⅝
Atchison pfd	89	89½	89	89¼
B. & O.	..	..	..	74¾
B. R. T.	34⅛	34½	33¼	33⅝
C. P. R.	119	119½	119	119¼
Erie	27¼	27½	27	27¼
L. & N.	100¾	101⅝	100½	100⅝
Manhattan	133⅜	134⅛	133¼	134
Mo. Pacific	90¼	91	90	90⅛
Norfolk & W.	56¾	57	56⅝	56½
Pennsylvania	118⅝	119¾	118¾	118⅜
Reading	45⅝	46¼	45¼	45½
Rock Island	24½	26	24½	25⅛
St. Paul	138⅛	139½	138⅛	139
Sou. Pacific	41⅝	42⅜	41¼	41⅝
Union Pacific	71¾	72⅜	71	71⅝

Money loaning at 2½ per cent.

Priestley's Cravenette Rain Coats in grey, green, dark grey, fawn and tweed mixtures. B. Williams & Co.

Local Produce Market

(Corrected by the Sylvester Feed Co., 87 and 89 Yates St.)

There has been quite a sharp advance in the price of hay and oats during the last few days. Local dealers are offering for round lots at the dock as follows:

	Per Ton.
Hay, Island	$ 15
Hay, Fraser River	13
Oats, Fraser River	25
Wheat	32
Potatoes	15

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Oct. 22.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The high area has moved and is now central in the Dakotas, and the pressure has decreased considerably over British Columbia and a depression is hovering off the entrance to the Straits of Fuca, where strong easterly gales have occurred with an hourly velocity of 56 miles; no rain has fallen west of the Rockies, and the weather has been fair with fog on the Straits and parts adjacent, and much higher temperatures in the Pacific States. In the Northwest the weather has been chiefly fair, warmer in the Territories but cooler in Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	47	57
New Westminster	38	60
Kamloops	..	54
Barkerville	28	44
Calgary	22	64
Winnipeg	28	40
Portland, Ore.	50	76
San Francisco	52	60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate winds, chiefly easterly, fair at first, with fog and not much change in temperature, and probably rain tonight or Saturday.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, fair at first, with stationary or higher temperature, and probably rain tonight or Saturday:

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	48	Mean	52
Noon	55	Highest	57
5 p.m.	47	Lowest	47

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. .... 6 miles northeast.
Noon .... 8 miles northeast.
5 p.m. .... Calm.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—8 hours.
Baromeer at noon—Observed 30.127
Corrected 30.142

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 30.06

CANNOT DO WITHOUT IT.

Once Dr. Chase's Ointment becomes known, it is indispensable in the home, because of the scores of ways in which it can be used. While this ointment is best known as a positive cure for eczema, salt rheum, itching piles, and the most torturing diseases of the skin, it is also unapproached as a treatment for chafed, irritated skin, pimples, blackheads, poisoned skin, scalds, burns, and sores of every description.

Silk-lined Overcoats, tailored by the Campbell Manufacturing Co., of Montreal. B Williams & Co.

Tommy Tucker had been hurt while performing the act he called flipping a freight train. "Will he get well, doctor?" distractedly asked Mrs. Tucker. "Is he out of danger?"

"He will get well, madam," replied the surgeon, "but I can't say he is out of danger. He will probably do the same thing again the first chance he has."—Chicago Tribune.

KNEW DR. CHASE IN 1867.

One of Dr. Chase's oldest patients in Canada is Mr. G. W. Parish, of Sturgeon Bay, Simcoe County, Ont., whom he cured of kidney disease in 1867 by means of his now celebrated Kidney-Liver Pills. Mr. Parish writes that he does not think there is any medicine half so good, and that he always keeps Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills in the house as a family medicine.

See our lines of Rainproof Overcoats in stripes, tweeds and greys at $10.00, $12.00 and $14.00. B. Williams & Co.

In washing woollens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

VICTORIA TIDES.

For the month of October, 1903.

Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120th Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Date.	Day.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
		h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
1	Th	5:17	3.2	14:16	7.1	19:36	6.0	23:17	6.3
2	F.	6:03	3.4	13:31	7.0	19:44	5.6	......	
3	Sa.	0:24	6.4	6:48	3.5	13:38	7.1	19:58	5.1
4	S.	1:23	6.5	7:30	3.8	13:52	7.2	20:21	4.5
5	M.	2:13	6.7	8:07	4.0	14:10	7.4	20:44	3.9
6	Tu.	2:59	6.9	8:40	4.4	14:32	7.6	21:06	3.3
7	W.	3:46	7.0	9:13	4.7	14:56	7.8	21:28	2.8
8	Th	4:39	7.0	9:47	5.2	15:22	7.9	22:52	2.4
9	F.	5:40	7.0	10:23	5.7	15:46	8.0	23:27	2.1
10	Sa.	6:49	6.9	11:01	6.2	16:13	8.0	......	
11	S.	0:14	1.9	8:04	6.9	11:45	6.5	16:45	7.9
12	M.	1:10	1.8	9:23	7.0	12:48	6.8	17:22	7.7
13	Tu.	2:09	1.9	10:36	7.2	14:10	6.9	18:06	7.4
14	W.	3:10	2.0	11:31	7.3	15:50	6.7	19:12	7.0
15	Th.	4:09	2.4	12:06	7.3	17:18	6.2	21:50	6.8
16	F.	5:06	2.8	12:30	7.4	18:28	5.4	23:39	6.5
17	Sa.	6:00	3.2	12:51	7.5	19:16	4.5	......	
18	S.	0:55	6.6	6:49	3.8	13:11	7.7	19:58	3.6
19	M.	2:05	6.8	7:34	4.4	13:32	8.0	20:36	2.9
20	Tu.	3:11	6.9	8:18	4.9	13:55	8.2	21:13	2.2
21	W.	4:14	7.0	9:00	5.5	14:20	8.3	21:52	1.8
22	Th.	5:17	7.1	9:39	6.0	14:46	8.3	22:34	1.5
23	F.	6:32	7.1	10:21	6.5	15:11	8.2	23:18	1.6
24	Sa.	8:09	7.2	11:12	6.9	15:33	7.9	......	
25	S.	0:04	1.8	9:52	7.3	12:22	7.2	15:46	7.6
26	M.	0:52	2.1	11:00	7.4	13:52	7.3	15:20	7.3
27	Tu.	1:42	2.5	11:36	7.5				
28	W.	2:33	2.9	11:51	7.5				
29	Th.	3:23	3.3	11:52	7.4				
30	F.	4:12	3.8	11:54	7.4	19:48	5.3	23:27	5.6
31	Sa.	5:00	4.2	12:04	7.5	19:38	4.9	......	

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor.

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Esquimalt (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denison.

For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

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TUG RUTH, new and complete or her machinery, as follows:

One Steeple Compound Marine Engine, 9x18x14 inches
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One Scotch Marine Boiler, 7 feet 3 inches by 10 feet, and fittings, pipes, smoke stack, etc. All in first class working order.
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Offers to purchase same will be receive by

J. STUART YATES

$25.00 REWARD.

Will be paid for information of person or persons who abstracted a mail package addressed V. & V. S. & C. Co., P. O. B. 350, Victoria, from mouth of P. O. Box of Princess Victoria at Vancouver about noon on Saturday, October 3. Address Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring and Contracting Co., Ltd.

P. O. Box 350,
Victoria or Vancouver.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Black, Deceased.

Take notice that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above-named deceased who died at Lake District, B. C., on the 21st day of September, 1903, are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors, Lawrence Goodacre or William Munro, at 121 Government street, Victoria, B. C., or James Island, B. C., respectively, or to the undersigned, on or before the 10th day of November, 1903, full particulars of their claims duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said John Black on or before the said 21st day of September, 1903, are required to pay the same, if not already paid, to the said executors, within the period above mentioned.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 6th day of October, 1903.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitors for the Executors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of George Edward Rudlin, Deceased.

Take notice that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors' Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased, who died at Vancouver, B. C., on the 23rd day of September, 1903, are requested to send by post or deliver to the executrix, Sophia Rudlin, at 13 George street, Victoria, B. C., or to the undersigned, on or before the 10th day of November, 1903, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said executrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said George Edward Rudlin on or before the 23rd day or September, 1903, are required to pay the same, if not already paid, to the executrix, within the period above mentioned.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 6th day of October, 1903.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solocitors for the Executrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Binns & Thompson, formerly carrying on business as General Merchants at Ucluelet, B. C., are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims to the undersigned, the Solicitors for James E. Sutton, the Assignee, for the benefit of the creditors of the said Binns & Thompson, on or before the first day of November, 1903, after which date the said James E. Sutton will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Binns & Thompson amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said James E. Sutton then has notice; and he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim the said James E. Sutton has not had notice at the time of distribution.

Dated this first day of October, 1903.

POOLEY, LUXTON & POOLEY,
Of 21 Bastion Street, Victoria, Solicitors for James E. Sutton

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we have deposited with the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, and the Register General of Titles, Victoria, B. C., plans and description of site, of a wharf proposed to be constructed by Herbert E. Beckwith, of Victoria aforesaid, in Victoria Harbor, immediately fronting his property known as Lot 541A. And further that we have on behalf of the said Herbert E. Beckwith applied to the Governor-General-in-Council for approval thereof.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 17th day of October, 1903.

YATES & JAY,
22 Bastion St., Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitors for Applicant.

NOTICE.

In the Estate of Annie Carmichael Campbell, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the above-named deceased, are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of October, 1903.

Dated the 13th day of October, 1903.

YATES & JAY,
22 Bastion St., Victoria, Solicitors for the Executor.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we have deposited with the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, and the Registrar General of Titles, Victoria, B. C., plans and descriptions of site, of works proposed to be constructed by the Victoria Chemical Company, Limited, of Victoria aforesaid, in Victoria Harbor, immediately fronting the said Company's works. And further, take notice, that we have, on behalf of the said Company, applied to the Governor in Council for approval thereof.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 29th day of September, 1903.

LANGLEY & MARTIN,
59 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.
Solicitors for the Applicants.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—A first class all-round biscuit maker to take charge of our biscuit factory. All plant new and modern; a good chance for a good man. Apply, stating salary expected, references and experience. Ramsay Bros. & Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C. o22

WANTED—Young man for stationery store Apply "Z," Colonist office. o21

WANTED—First class canvasser; from $3.00 to $5.00 per day guaranteed. Apply between 1 and 2 p. m., at 9 Avalon road, city. o20

TEACHER WANTED—First assistant for Cumberland Public School. For particulars apply to T. H. Carey, Secretary School Board, Cumberland, B. C. o11

WANTED—Bright, active young men, to call on wholesale business houses in Victoria and other large cities; progressive salaries and permanent positions. "The Mandex," New York, N. Y. s17

WANTED—A boy, aged 14-16, to work in a store. Good references required. Apply V. S., this office. s10

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—Good general servant. Apply morning to Mrs. Corsan, Jubilee avenue. o23

WANTED—Girl for general housework; 6 Superior street. o21

NURSE WANTED—For boy of seven. Apply in person 227 Johnson St. o17

WANTED—Nurse maid. Apply at Mrs. Askew's house, Pemberton road. o10

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—Situation as baker's helper. B. H., Box 75. o21

WANTED—Situation as salesman in store clerk in office or as traveler by an educated gentleman speaking English, German, French. Best references and security can be furnished. Address "M. K." Colonist. o11

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—Situation as morning governess or companion help. "E. T.," Colonist office. o20

LADY WANTS housekeeper's position or place of trust. Refined, thoroughly reliable; best references. Apply H. W. L., this office. o13

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

WANTED—Two Indian Runner drakes. Dyne, Saturna, B. C. o23

PULLETS—Buff Leghorns, White Rocks, Buff Rocks, Orpingtons, Minorcas and Andalusians. Also Pekin ducks and Indian Runners. Mrs. Dyne, Saturna, B. C.

FOR SALE —Six hundred Silver Laced Wyandotte fowls. H. W. Bullock, Salt Spring Island. o13

FOR SALE—Jersey bull (thoroughbred), very gentle. Apply "G. M.", Colonist.

FOR SALE — Three thoroughbred blue ticked English setter pups, new pedigreed importation. Apply 40 Government St.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

IF YOU ARE a bright business man you may be able to purchase half interest in old established business. Cash required, $3500. Address this office, A. B. C. o21

WANTED—Partner in hotel paying handsomely; $500. Must be willing to work. Address Hotel, this office. o21

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Fifteen dollars, a ten and five-dollar bill. Finder please notify J. W., Colonist office, and receive reward. o22

$5.00 REWARD—Lost at the Exhibition grounds, on the evening of the 0th, during the recent fair a sable boa, either in the grounds on the way to the car. Above reward will be paid at this office. o20

LOST—On Dallas road, or Menzies street, a lady's pearl star brooch, with opal centre. Finder will be suitably rewarded on leaving same at No. 2 Kingston street. o21

STOLEN—An English setter bitch, black, white and tan, and answers to name of Nellie, from 177 Douglas street. Any person harboring same after this notice will be prosecuted. J. M. Sweeney. o3

FOUND—Ladies' bracelet, on Oak Bay avenue. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply Mrs. Humphries, Hulton street, off Oak Bay avenue. c3

LOST—A black and white parasol on Thursday afternoon. A suitable reward is offered for its return to Colonist office. o3

PHRENOLOGY.

MRS LE MESSURIER, pupil of Prof M. F. Knox and Prof. Alexander is now prepared to give readings and business adaptations. Readings Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 9:30 p. m. Adults $2; children $1. Corner of Garbally road and Andrew St. Success comes when you know yourself. I will also teach a class. Giving the faculties and their divisions. o11

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LEARN TELEGRAPHY AT HOME—Earn from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars per month. Our system absolutely most complete and up to date. Endorsed by leading railroad officials. Situations secured. Write for catalogue. Telegraph Correspondence Institute, Box 580, Toronto, Ont. o15

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—To purchase chicken ranch, about 6 acres. P. O. Box 572. o23

WANTED—To purchase kit carpenter's tools. P. O. Box 572. o23

WANTED—Ladies having evening dresses, opera cloaks and gloves to clean, should see that they were sent to Paisley Steam Dye Works, 130 Yates. Tel. 404. o22

WANTED FOR CASH — Two matured shares in Dominion Co-operative Association. State terms, to "Alex," Colonist office. o10

WE WOULD LIKE to put a copy of The Advertising World into the hands of every person who keeps any kind of a store. May we have your address?—The Advertising World. Columbus. Ohio. a23

WANTED—TO RENT.

WANTED—Two unfurnished rooms for housekeeping. A. P., Colonist office. s9

WANTED—Furnished house, first class, good locality, or suite rooms, private family. Address X. Z., Colonist. s18

WANTED—A five or six-roomed house, unfurnished. James Bay preferred. Apply B. M. C., this office. s25

WANTED—AGENTS.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN sell Dr. May's Magic Electric Combs, unbreakable; cures falling hair, dandruff, headache. Money back if not satisfactory. Canadian Comb Co., London, Canada. o22

TO RENT—RESIDENCES.

TO RENT—Furnished house. Apply 111 Blanchard street. o22

TO RENT—Seven-roomed furnished house for winter months. In good locality. Easy terms to right party. Address "N. S.," Colonist. o21

TO LET—Part of a ten-roomed house. Will rent either furnished or unfurnished; easy terms. Address A. S., Colonist office. o20

TO LET—Rooms, single, en suite or housekeeping. Burns House. o18

ROOM AND BOARD—$4.50 per week. Single meals 25 cents. By meal ticket, 20 cents. Beds 25 cents a night. Bar in connection. Telephone B773. Rock Bay Hotel. s30

TO LET—One or two rooms with use of kitchen. Address B., this office. a16

TO LET—Furnished room; mechanic preferred. Apply M., Colonist office. s23

DRESSMAKING.

MRS. KNIGHT, DRESSMAKER, begs to inform her friends and customers that she has moved from 168 Yates street to 180 Pandora avenue (facing Cook), where she will be pleased to receive their continued patronage. s29

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING by first class modiste. Perfect workmanship guaranteed. Fancy gowns, also tailor suits, a specialty. Dresses made $5.00 up. Mme. Rodgers, Room 3, Moody Blk. o9

DRESSMAKING—Just from the East, Miss A. Williams has opened her dressmaking parlors at No. 1 Hill street. m23

MISCELLANEOUS.

BOATS FOR SALE and built to order. A. Harris, 164 Pandora avenue, Victoria, B. C. o20

CHIMNEYS SWEPT from 50c. Smoky chimneys cured. No mess; 4 Broughton street. s29

TO LET OR FOR SALE—One of the finest building sites in Victoria West; sea view; also six room house for sale or to let. Apply Victoria West Coal Office. s27

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—Sweet home-made tomato pickle in sealers, twenty cents. Moffat, Grocer, 127 Douglas. o23

FOR SALE—Good old-fashioned horse-hair suite; reasonable. Apply "Furniture," this office. o21

FOR SALE—1500 7-foot cedar posts, at Mark's Crossing, Lake District, at 5 cents on the ground. Address H. T. Oldfield, Box 406, city. o23

FOR SALE—Mason & Risch piano, nearly new, price $250, or offer. Address C. S., Colonist office. o23

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—Second-hand organ, nearly new. G. A. D. Flition, 129 Douglas. o23

FOR SALE—Horse, rig and harness. A snap, $50. 30 Humboldt street. o23

BUILDING LOTS TO BE SOLD at Mill Bay. Safe bathing and boating; good fishing. Wilkinson, Mill Bay, Cobble Hill.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—At Ladysmith, bakery, with good oven, and general store doing good business. No reasonable offer refused. For particulars address Baker, Colonist. o8

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MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS

50 lots, good location, within 15 minutes of Post Office, on monthly installments of $10 each (interest 4 per cent only), good soil, no rock.

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40 Government St.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES.

FOR SALE—Five-roomed cottage, bathroom, pantry, chicken house and stable, good garden, full-size lot. Easy terms. Apply 25 Parkington street. o23

FOR SALE—$475—Two-story house and lot 50x120. A bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. o8

FOR SALE—$2,000—Six-roomed cottage and three lots, centrally located; a bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. s24

FOR SALE—Five-roomed cottage on Pioneer street, handy to city. Cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. s17

$1,000—Five-roomed cottage, bath and pantry, one lot, fruit trees. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. a14

$1900—Five-roomed cottage, bath, electric light, corner lot, can also purchase furniture at a low figure. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. a15

FOR SALE—$1500—Six roomed cottage, almost new, with four lots, outhouses, etc. A1 soil. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency. Ltd., 40 Government St. a8

FOR SALE—$1500—Five roomed cottage, bath, corner lot, on monthly instalment plan. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m13

FOR SALE—Water front lot and A1 dwelling, modern, handy to car and within 10 minutes of post office; very cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m1

BOARD AND ROOMS

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms, single or en suite. 170 Johnson street. o23

TO LET—Furnished rooms. Apply 111 Blanchard street. o23

TO LET—Two nice furnished front rooms for gentlemen in private family, two minutes from Parliament Buildings. Apply "Omega," Colonist office. o13

TO LET—Furnished rooms with all conveniences; 182 Fort street. o11

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms en suite, at 104 Pandora. Apply 97 Quadra street. o10

TO LET—Suit of large front housekeeping rooms. All conveniences, including bath, electric light and gas stove. Apply Cambridge House, 98 Yates street. o8

TO LET—Two sunny furnished front rooms in private family; use of bath and telephone. Inquire 134 Chatham St. o6

TO LET — Comfortable furnished rooms with or without breakfast; 65 Belcher street. o3

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms, opposite A. O. U. W. Hall. Apply 79 View street. s27

TO LET—Large well furnished sitting and bedroom, with use of bathroom; beautiful location overlooking the Straits. Apply B. C. Land Agency. s22

FOR SALE—50,000 strawberry plants. Large "Improved Sharpless," the most productive variety known. These plants were pegged down and rooted last June, and are now ready for transplanting. Per 100 $1.00; 1,000, $7.50. Special prices for large orders. Call or address A. E. Gale, Young P. O., South Saanich, B. C.

FOR SALE—A steam launch, 32 feet long, 4 feet deep, 8 feet beam, fore and aft compound engines; Scotch type of boiler, new; 26 Henry street, Victoria. o14

FOR SALE—Hotel doing good paying business. Central locality. Must sell out owing to ill health. Address P. O. Box 423, Nanaimo, B. C. o8

FOR SALE—200 canaries; fine singers, at Mrs. Lange, 84½ Douglas street, upstairs.

$2750—Two acres, 7-roomed house, stone foundation. All in first class shape, under cultivation and tile drained. A bargain. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. a14

EDUCATIONAL.

PROF E. G. WICKENS has returned from his European tour, and will re-open his classes on Monday, Oct. 19th, for violin, piano, etc. There are still a few vacancies which are filling up quickly. 15 Bellot street. o18

GERMAN INSTRUCTION—On moderate terms, given by Ferdinand Koob. Elsmere House, 104 Pandora avenue. o11

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad Street (upstairs). E. A. Macmillan, principal. Individual instruction in shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping.

FOR SALE—TIMBER LIMITS.

LARGE TRACTS of timber land, both crown-granted and leasehold; cedar spruce, and fir and other woods. For particulars apply to B. C. Land & Investment Agency. Limited 42 Government Street.

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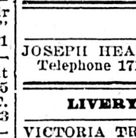

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Tacoma in Port From the Orient

Northern Pacific Liner Arrived Yesterday Morning With Good Cargo.

Schooner Victoria Reaches West Coast With 402 Skins From Behring Sea.

The steamer Tacoma of the Northern Pacific line, Capt. Ridley, reached port yesterday morning from the Orient after a stormy passage. Two heavy gales were encountered en route, one on the 9th inst., and another on the 14th inst., the former from the northeast and the second storm from the southeast. Seas broke over the steamer and during the second gale a big sea broke the engine room skylight and drenched the engineers below. The steamer brought a cargo of 2,700 tons of general freight, including heavy shipments of matting, of which there was some 12,220 rolls on board, and a large consignment of tea, including nine thousand cases. The steamer landed 112 tons of general freight at the ocean dock. She had no saloon passengers, but brought 124 steerage, of whom 81 were landed here. There were 72 Chinese and nine Japanese, all of whom failed to pass the immigration inspectors and were passed on to the United States. Of the Chinese who landed here 47 are for Vancouver.

Officers of the Tacoma, as told in another column told of increasing war preparations in the Orient, and of the grave aspect of the situation when the steamer sailed. The purser of the steamer noted with laughter the remarks credited to him in an evening paper, in which he is made to say that "There are not as many evidences of war now as there were when the Tacoma was in the Orient on her previous trip." This is absurd, he said. Everyone knows that every day more preparations for any contingency that may arise are being made, and the Japanese are now quite ready for an outbreak, if the negotiations now on are not successful.

Several liners are now en route to Victoria from the Orient. The steamer Tartar of the C. P. R. line sailed from Yokohama on Saturday last and is due a week hence. The steamer Lyra, which is bringing the first large cargo of hemp brought to this part of the Pacific from Manila, is about due, she having sailed from Kobe about the same time as the Tacoma, which arrived yesterday, left Yokohama. The steamer Kaga Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line sailed from Yokohama on Tuesday and is due on November 3rd. The steamer Victoria of the Northern Pacific line will sail today from Yokohama en route here.

VICTORIA REPORTED.

Sealing Schooner Has Reached Hesquiot With 402 Skins.

Another schooner of the Behring sea fleet has arrived off the Vancouver island coast en route to port from the Behring sea. A special despatch to the Colonist received yesterday morning from its correspondent at Clayoquot states that the schooner Victoria is off Hesquoit, where she has called to land her Indians, with a catch of 402 skins. This is a larger catch than the same schooner took for the entire season last year, when her total catch on the British Columbia coast and in Behring sea combined amounted to 368 skins. Last year she took 225 skins in the Behring sea. The schooner Carrie C. W., which, as was reported in the Colonist a few days ago, had arrived at Clayoquot to land her Indians, with 833 skins, is expected to arrive at any time. None of the other schooners have yet reported off the island coast, but on the return of the steamer Queen City, which is making her long trip to Cape Scott and way ports, it is expected that many of the vessels will be reported.

CAPTAIN CENSURED.

Master of Wrecked South Portland "Criminally Negligent."

Capt. McIntyre of the wrecked steamer South Portland, is found criminally negligent by the coroner's jury at Port Orford, which found the following verdict: "We find that Charles L. Huson came to his death from exposure upon a life raft, having been wrecked on the steamer South Portland October 19. We further find from the evidence that Capt. J. B. McIntyre was criminally negligent in his duties as master in abandoning the wrecked steamer before seeing to the safety of the passengers and crew."

There are still 21 missing from the wrecked vessel. The steamer Spokane, on arrival at San Francisco, landed four survivors picked up from a raft. They were all but exhausted when rescued. Their names are Arthur Ravens, second officer; Charles Blomberg, seaman; F. Johansen, seaman, and Ole Gunderson, seaman.

Eight other men who were on the raft with the above survivors when it left the South Portland, succumbed and sank as their frail support was cast about by the waves. Their names are not known by those who were saved. Several hours after these men were taken on board the Spokane, the starboard lifeboat of the wrecked vessel, in which seven or eight men left the sinking steamer, was seen floating empty on the ocean. It is now believed that all of the passengers and crew not already accounted for have perished.

FRENCH BARK LOST.

Sixteen of Her Crew Missing in the Vessel's Boats.

A cable from Honolulu reports that the French bark Constable de Richemont has been lost on French Frigate shoals, and sixteen of her crew are missing. Capt. Raubt, with the carpenter, cook and three seamen reached Kauai on Sunday in a small boat, and arrived at Honolulu on Wednesday. Capt. Raubt reports that his ship struck the shoals at 4 a. m., October 10th, in a dead calm, and had to be abandoned twenty-four hours later. Two boats with sixteen men are missing, one in charge of the first mate, who is the son of the captain, with seven men, and the other containing the boatswain and seven men. The two boats are without provisions, and a searching expedition may be organized to look for the shipwrecked men. The Constable de Richemont was bound from Hongkong to a South American port.

The boat containing the boatswain and seven of the crew separated from the one containing Capt. Raubt October 14, and took a southerly direction. It is thought that the boat will reach Hawaii safely, as the light reflected from the crater of Maunaloa will serve as a guide from afar.

The other missing boat, containing the first mate and seven of the crew, drifted off in a northerly direction, where it will likely cross the path of Oriental steamers and be picked up.

The French consul has requested the federal authorities to send out the U. S. tug Iroquois in search of the missing boats.

The wrecking of the Constable de Richemont was due to a peculiar mistake. The rock on which she struck was mistaken for a ship and the vessel approached it for the purpose of hailing and requesting provisions, of which the Connetable de Richemont was very short. It is thought that the vessel can be saved yet with the assistance of a tug.

The bark was built in 1901 at Nantes and was of 1,732 net tonnage. On September 5, a few miles off the coast of Japan, the bark was sighted by the Pacific Mail steamer City of Pekin, flying signals of distress. She was then out eighty days from Hongkong, having encountered nothing but calms. She was nearly out of provisions, and after being furnished with a supply of food, proceeded on her journey.

ROCK ISLAND REPORTED.

After a Long Voyage Reaches Dawson From St. Michael.

The Yukon river steamer Rock Island arrived at Dawson Tuesday from St. Michael, according to a telegram received yesterday by the Northern Commercial Company. Much uneasiness was felt at Dawson concerning the safety of the Rock Island, or rather through the fear that she would be unable to reach her destination and thus make the Klondike's supply of winter provisions 200 or 300 tons short, to say nothing of the inconvenience to the passengers and crew of the vessel.

TYEE'S BIG TOW.

Will Go to Dutch Harbor to Bring Meteor South.

The Puget Sound Tugboat Co.'s tug Tyee, Capt. Bollong, leaves today for Unalaska to tow the disabled freight steamer Meteor to Seattle. The question of despatching a tug for the Meteor and the advisability of attempting to tow her back to Seattle has been under consideration by the managements of the Globe Navigation Company, the North American Transportation Company and the Northwestern Commercial Co., for several days, but it was not until yesterday that a decision was reached as to what was best in the premises. The former company owns both the Meteor and Eureka. But the latter is under charter to the Northwestern Commercial Company, which will claim a substantial salvage, while the North American Transportation & Trading Company has the Meteor chartered and owns her entire cargo, something more than 3,000 tons.

As yet it cannot be told what disposition will be made of the cargo. It may be returned in the Meteor or discharged at Unalaska. The Tyee is undertaking a long tow of a large vessel. The tug will proceed up the Aleutian archipelago, through the Shelikoff strait, around by Cook Inlet, and thence by a straight-away open course for 400 or 500 miles to Cross sound and on by the so-called inside Southeastern Alaska passage to Seattle. Much the same course will be taken by the Tyee on her voyage to Unalaska and Dutch harbor, which Capt. Bollong thinks he will be able to make in nine days. The Tyee will be able to carry enough coal to steam her through to Unalaska. Returning she will have to take fuel at way ports possibly several times.

If the Eureka has not already sailed from Unalaska for Seattle, she will receive orders from the Tyee to return.

CATHERINA ARRIVES.

Overdue Vessel Reaches Delagoa Bay—Lyderhorn Was Ashore There.

The bark Catherina, which made such a long passage from Tacoma for Delagoa Bay, and for which fears had been entertained, is safe. She is reported to have arrived at her destination on Monday. No news has been received concerning her delay. She was over 140 days in making the voyage, having presumably been very foul. On the day prior to her arrival at Delagoa Bay a storm prevailed at the South African port and the bark Lyderhorn, Capt. Williams, which is so well known to Victoria shipping men, dragged her anchors together with the bark Miltonburg from Liverpool, and both vessels went ashore. The Lyderhorn had discharged a cargo of lumber from Chemainus at Delagoa Bay and was awaiting orders. Both vessels were floated at high tide, the Lyderhorn uninjured, and it was not thought that the Miltonburg had sustained much damage.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Calchas of the Blue Funnel line, from Glasgow and Liverpool for Victoria, via Aden, Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hongkong and Yokohama, etc., left Yokohama on Tuesday.

The bark Ivanhoe arrived at Iquique on September 23rd, with lumber from Hastings mills.

A member of a volunteer fire brigade did not appear on the scene of the conflagration until after the fire was under control. He was severely taken to account by the chief for thus neglecting his duty. "I could not help it," replied the fireman; "I live a long way from the fire." "That's no excuse," snapped the chief. "You must move nearer the next fire."

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Criticism of the Stock Exhibits

Mainland Man Makes Suggestions For Betterment of the Fall Show.

Better Prizes Should Be Given For Purely Agricultural Products.

I. G. V. Field-Johnson, writing in the Vancouver Ledger, presents an interesting criticism of the various exhibits at the fall shows. He says:

The Royal Agricultural Association of British Columbia held its annual meeting at New Westminster during the week ending October 3rd and although the live stock exhibits were not so numerous as they should be, yet there were some animals of more than passing excellence.

The Shorthorns as a class were doubtless entitled to the palm of merit of the whole show, the first prize bull being a credit to any country and with proper mating his progeny should have a lasting impression of a high order to the great advantage of British Columbia. For a young country, the females, as a rule, made a most creditable showing and did honor to their respective owners. In criticising it is not always necessary to unduly extol or condemn, but there was one thing that struck the writer very forcibly and that was the absence of the heavy coat of hair which is indicative of the hardihood of the breed, having descended from the Galloway cow, the common ancestors of all true Shorthorns. It may be that the animals exhibited have been housed too much, hence the fineness of their coats. The Ayrshires made a good showing also, but require some more building up before going abroad to compete with other herds. The Jerseys were numerically strong for the breed and with the exception of a few which might perhaps have been better left at home were a most creditable lot of animals and their owners worthy of much commendation. The swine, as a whole, were not up to exhibition form and left much to be desired. The Berkshires, as a class, surpassed all other compeers and may be honestly described as very good, being true to character and exhibited in a condition that was deserving of much praise. The Essex breed came next in order of merit, but are capable of much improvement which it is hoped they will receive.

The sheep division was fairly well tenanted and the competition for class honors lay between the Shropshires and the Southdowns. The Dorsets were good, but will stand quite a lot of building to arrive at the point of excellence.

The Oxford Downs having a larger frame that the other Down breeds, require more liberal treatment to develop their strong points in an impressive manner, such as will commend itself in the show ring, and it was this the exhibits lacked most and the same may be said of the rest of the other breeds in the sheep division.

In the horse division the strong and most imposing feature was the string of Clydes, Percherons and Suffolks brought from Manitoba by Messrs. Galbraith & Sons, in fact, had they been absent a conspicuous void in the show would have been most apparent. That they swept all before them in the prize ring goes without saying, and it is hoped that in future years special efforts will be made to induce what may be termed foreign exhibitors, to bring their live stock to the British Columbia agricultural shows. The judging was easy and appeared to give entire satisfaction, but would venture to suggest that in future the judges be empowered to withhold prizes where none of the entries in a class are up to a certain standard of merit. To give prizes to animals that are not even up to a mediocrity is calculated to do more harm than good and lower the standard of the whole show.

In field roots I shall confine my remarks entirely to turnips and mangolds.

The turnips exhibited by the Experimental Farm were even and shapely, but not conspicuously large for picked specimens. The mangolds on any of the stands were not up to the exhibition form either for make or shape, and for size they were very much below it. The soil and climate of the Lower Fraser valley should be particularly adapted to the growth of mangolds of a large size, solid, clean and free from fingers and toes. I am free to confess that they are gross feeders and require much thorough and deep cultivation, but they are worth it. I have grown a great many mangolds in England and took the county prize for the best field, which is a far better test than spoon-fed picked specimens. The largest crop I remember in England weighed out 84 long tons to the acre all over a large field. I make particular mention of mangolds as they are most essential to winter dairying, besides being a splendid food for ewes and lambs in the spring before the grass comes. Of this very valuable field root the Westminster show was conspicuously deficient.

The money value of the prizes for purely agricultural products should be largely added to and less given to the circus performances. Many of the best American associations are eliminating the latter altogether from their shows. The English agricultural societies have never allowed it and they have always been self-supporting without any government subsidy or assistance in any way whatever. I made particular note that not 5 per cent. of the visitors to the show took the trouble to even look at the live stock department. The fact is that agriculture has become a simple side issue to the circus and in the interest of the industry it is time to call a halt.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Western Steamship Co. Incorporated—Some Minor Appointments.

Few notices of interest appear in this week's issue of the Provincial Gazette:

Wm. E. Curtis, of Lowe Inlet, to be a justice of the peace.

R. St. G. C. Master, of Crofton, to be a justice of the peace.

John Simpson, of Poplar Creek, to be a police constable and a deputy mining recorder for the Trout Lake and Ainsworth mining divisions, with sub-recording office at Poplar.

Notice is given of an application to be made to the legislature to incorporate a company to construct railway, telegraph and telephone lines over a route from Spence's Bridge, on the C. P. R., by way of Nicola, Aspen Grove, Otter Flat, Granite Creek and Princeton, following generally the course of the Similkameen river to the international boundary line either at Osoyoos Lake or Midway, with a branch from Princeton to Copper Mountain.

The following companies have been incorporated: The Western Steamship Company, Limited, with a capitalization of $150,000, for the purpose of acquiring the steamer Wyefield and engaging in general steamship business; the Sharples Mining & Milling Company, Limited, with a capitalization of $300,000; the Cranbrook Sash & Door Company, Limited, with a capitalization of $40,000; Monashee Gold Mines, Limited, with a capitalization of $1,000,000.

The Armstrong Farmers' Exchange, Limited, is incorporated with the objects set forth in the Farmers' Institues and Co-operation Act.

Notice is given that the placer mining claims legally held in Fort Steele mining division and Lillooet district, are laid over from 15th October, 1903, to 1st May, 1904.

May Again Enter This Province

Strong Probability That American Smelting Co. Has Designs on B.C.

Octopus Has Just Completed Its Clinch on Lead Industry of The U. S.

Within a week or ten days, when the American Smelting & Refining Co. magnates arrive at the Coast, important announcements are expected in regard to the syndicate's intention with respect to British Columbia.

The American Smelting & Refining Company has completed its "clinch" on the lead industry of the United States. Despatches from New York relate the fact that the United Lead Company has taken over the following eighteen concerns, manufacturing lead products, such as shot, sheet lead, pipe, white lead, etc.: James Robertson Lead Co., Baltimore, Maryland; Omaha Shot & Lead Works, Omaha, Nebraska; Northwestern Shot & Lead Works, St. Paul, Minnesota; Collier Shot Tower Works, St. Louis, Missouri; Bailey & Farrell Shot Works, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Marble Lead Works, St. Louis, Missouri; Gibson & Price, Cleveland, Ohio; Le Roy Shot & Lead Works, New York city; Union Lead & Oil Works, Brooklyn, New York; Sportsman's Shot Works, Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago Shot Tower Co., Chicago, Illinois; Hoyt Metal Co., St. Louis, Missouri; Tatnam Bros., New York city; Raymond Lead Co., Chicago, Illinois; Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., Boston, Massachusetts; Lansten Lead Works, Chicago, Illinois, and McDougall White Lead Co., Buffalo, New York. The United Lead Company is an ally of the American Smelting & Refining Company designed to take care of the selling end of the business. It is capitalized for $70,000,000, and it now controls practically all the important lead pipe, sheet, shot and corroding works in the United States. It was promoted by Morgan and Rockefeller, and these trust magnates have been working two years on the proposition, only having completed the various deals this week.

With the United Lead Company on one end, the Federal Mining Company controlling almost the entire Coeur d'Alene output on the other, and the American Smelting & Refining Company owning practically all the smelters in the United States that treat silver-lead ore, the big trust now has a more virtual monopoly than its older brother, the Standard Oil.

Just what effect this enormous consolidation is going to have on the Canadian lead industry remains to be seen. It has been predicted for several years back that as soon as the trust had completed its "cinch" there would be no further use for the tariff on lead which is now provided for by the Dingley law, and that the powers behind the trust would make a move to have it taken down. This prediction is based on the fact that the United States, while it is increasing enormously as a consumer of lead, is not increasing its production, which fact is borne out by the statistics. During the last three years the lead production of the United States has practically remained stationary. The advance statement given out by the U. S. geological survey shows that the production of the fiscal year 1902-3 was exactly 700 tons less than for 1901-2; not a very startling decrease but significant on account of the fact that the Coeur d'Alenes were not restricted in any way during the half year of 1903.

Further corroboration of the prediction is found in the fact that the Guggenheim-Whitney syndicate has acquired such vast holdings in Mexican lead mines lately, and that even now with a tariff of $1.50 a hundred against them, they are shipping lead into the United States to supply the home market.

On top of this comes the statement that the Guggenheims, Harry Payne Whitney and John Hays Hammond, the famous experts, are on their way West to look into the advisability of building additional smelters to treat British Columbia and Alaska ore.

It can be easily seen that if the trust has to import lead to supply the United States market it could not afford to pay the tariff on its importation while it had in the United Lead Company a power to fix the price irrespective of tariffs. It is also obvious that the trust could not have the tariff removed and leave the British Columbia field free to overload them at any time.

The perfectly natural inference of mining men on this side of the line is that the visit of the Guggen-heim-Whitney people, following so closely on the Federal deal, and the acquisition of the Tacoma smelter by the trust, is to repair this loophole. Semi-official announcements have been made recently of extensive alterations and additions to be made to the Tacoma works, and it is perfectly safe to state that if the American smelting trust intends to put itself in a position to handle British Columbia ore that it will do so by making the Tacoma works large enough to handle all the British Columbia ore it wants. To keep others out the simple process of quoting a lower rate would be sufficient, from which British Columbia mine owners could not fail to profit.

BOOMING THEIR BUSINESS.

Lancaster Clothing Store Announces a Great Reduction Sale.

An announcement of great interest to all who may be in need of clothing and furnishings for the winter appears in this issue of the Colonist from the Lancaster Clothing store, which is located at 23 Johnson street, opposite Store street. The premises have been entirely renovated and a thoroughly fresh and up-to-date stock put in, and some fine bargains are offered the purchasing public.

A grand opening sale of men's and youth's clothing, shoes and gent's furnishings is now on and all the fine new goods in the lines mentioned will be disposed of for the next ten days at a reduction of 35 per cent below regular prices. The management of the business is in competent hands and the public can rest assured that they will receive courteous attention and fair dealing on all occasions.

The Lancaster Clothing Store starts business under the most favorable auspices. Lower Johnson street is rapidly coming to the front as a business centre and with the development of the water front trade in that section will be constantly on the increase.

A regulation has been made in Vienna that all electric lights must be raised to 16 feet above the pavement, as otherwise they are calculated to injure the eyesight of passengers.

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"NEWSPAPERIETY."

At a political meeting in New York last week a Tammany man named Delaney was one of the orators. Speaking of certain men whose names are often seen in print, he was about to say that they were fond of newspaper notoriety, but instead, said, "newspaperiety." The new word has "caught on" and on several subsequent occasions has been used to convey the same idea.

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Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46	Shawnigan Lake	5:17	6:48
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:55	5:53
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:45	5:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	7:37	4:15
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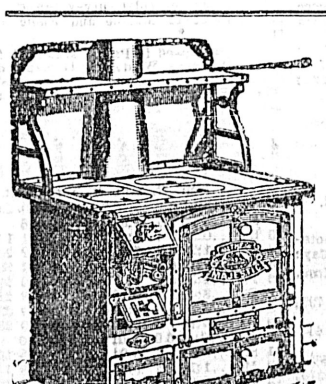

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